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The Grayling Promotional Association held its second-annual Trunk Junque Sale in the Grayling Mini Mall parking lot on Saturday. Above, Madison and Kaitlyn Hall, 2, of Grayling check out the toys being sold by one of the vendors.

Board passes on proposed recreation center

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Crawford County Commissioners have shelved a proposal from a Lansing based developer to build a recreation center in the community.

County commissioners, last week, directed Controller Paul Compo to inform Wieland-Arten, a development firm which specializes in developing affordable health, fitness and recreational centers for small and rural communities, that officials did not believe it was feasible to pursue the project.

Developers had proposed to build a 31,000 square foot recreation center, which would have included a pool, gymnasium, aerobics and weight lifting area, conference room and "tot watch" area. The projected cost of the project was \$5.1 million.

Through a private-public-partnership, the development firm would retain ownership of 10,000 square feet of the building to lease for professional offices to people such as personal trainers, nutritionists, physical therapists, dance instructors and chiropractors.

The developers would have paid about \$30,000 a year in taxes for the offices, while the remaining portion of the facility would have to be supported by a bond issue approved by the public.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the county board, said he did not believe that the county

should enter into a venture which would compete against businesses serving the community.

"If this goes in, it would be competing against private enterprise and I don't think that's where the county needs to be and I don't think that's where government needs to be," Stephenson said.

County board members also said that the projected number of people who would join and pay to be members of the recreational facility seemed to be inflated by YMCA officials who have proposed to operate the facility.

County Commissioner Mike Lange said he believed two separate millage proposals would be needed to operate and build the facility.

"Anybody that says this thing is not going to lose money does not have a good grasp on reality," Lange said.

Although commissioners believe some citizens would have used the exercise facility, they believe the priority should be on renovating the current Crawford County Courthouse.

"Building one is one thing, running and maintaining it is another," Stephenson said.

Some commissioners said that other developers may come to the table with plans for a smaller facility which may be less costly to the public.

"There is no doubt that if another gym was built it would be booked," Lange said.

Travelers come north, locals stick close by

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Gas prices which shot up last week caused some Grayling area residents to stick closer to home over the Labor Day weekend.

The price per gallon of gas went as high as \$3.48 last week at some Grayling gas stations, before coming down again just prior to the Labor Day weekend.

Jim Rink, spokesperson for AAA of Michigan, said Hurricane Katrina which devastated New Orleans, caused off shore refineries and gas pipe lines in the Gulf Coast to shut down.

"The entire off shore platform took a major hit, and most of the refineries had some minor damage and some of them were hit a bit worse," Rink said.

Charlie Lannen, of South Boardman, said he opted to dogsit for a friend who lives on Lake Margrethe over the Labor Day weekend rather than go mountain biking in the U.P.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

People coming off I-75 last Friday lined up at the Admiral Station once the gas prices started to go down.

Operation I.D. pens on loan at library

The Grayling City Police Department and the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library have teamed up to help citizens curb crime.

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Marking your property can be accomplished in several ways.

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"I'm not in the U.P. this weekend -- that's what it's doing to me," Lannen said. "I was going to the Porcupine Mountains -- that's 420 miles one way -- and I just can't justify that."

Lannen added that he is also taking it easier on his car's gas pedal.

"I just putz around," he said.

Lisa Burmeister, who was out shopping with her family over the weekend, said the gas hike has not caused any major change to her transportation habits.

"If anything, it just keeps me closer to home," Burmeister said.

Troy Dennis and his family from Caro debated on coming up north for the weekend but eventually decided to make the trip to get some rest and relaxation.

"We haven't had a vacation all summer due to the gas prices, so that's why we decided to come up," Dennis said.

Dennis, a farmer, said the fuel prices have had a major effect on his operation.

"We don't even check the crops any more," Dennis said. "We just do what we have to do."

Wayne Metzger and his family of Grayling camped out near Kalkaska this weekend rather than traveling away from home.

"There's not much you can do. You pay the price at the pump and that's about it," Metzger said. "I don't get that many weekends off."

Riding Harley Davidsons was a necessity rather than a way of life for Everett Fletcher and Doug Torres of Port Huron.

"You have to ride bikes all the way up here just to be able to come up," said Fletcher, who has a cabin in the Grayling area.

"Every time I want to take a put (ride), it's \$10.00, but that's nothing compared to driving a larger vehicle," Torres said.

Maureen Fyock, co-owner of the River Park Campground, said they had just one cancellation from a party who said they could not get organized to take the trip north.

"Just because they couldn't get

it together, they decided they didn't want to spend the money on gas," Fyock said.

Fyock added the camp ground holds an annual Labor Day pig roast, which is a hit with guests.

"We have a big party out here every year that a lot of people like to take part in, so it didn't effect anybody," Fyock said of the gas prices.

Greg Schoo, owner of Yogi Bears Jellystone Camp Resort, said they had nine cancellations due to the gas prices last week, which were quickly filled by other guests.

"They were going to enjoy the weekend anyway, so we were able to fill the vacancies that day," Schoo said. "Everybody was complaining about the gas prices, but they were here anyway."

Misty Ankney, general manager for Days Inn of Grayling, said she was expecting a slow weekend.

"For the entire year, we have had a slower year overall," Ankney said. "We're looking for-

ward to lots of snow."

Donna Cassar, a dispatcher for the Crawford County Transportation System, said a number of people have inquired about bus schedules and prices, but the ridership has not gone up yet.

Cassar, however, said a number of parents who typically take their children to school are sending their children on Dial-A-Ride busses with bus fare.

"It's just been picking up today, and they're calling at the last minute to get them on the bus to go to school," Cassar said.

Paul Compo, the Crawford County controller, told county commissioners that the county has no fixed contract which establishes fuel prices. Compo said the county would also see increased fuel costs once the midnight road patrol starts on Oct. 1 at the Sheriff's Department, which was approved by voters last year.

"We're going to get hammered, just like everyone else," Compo said.

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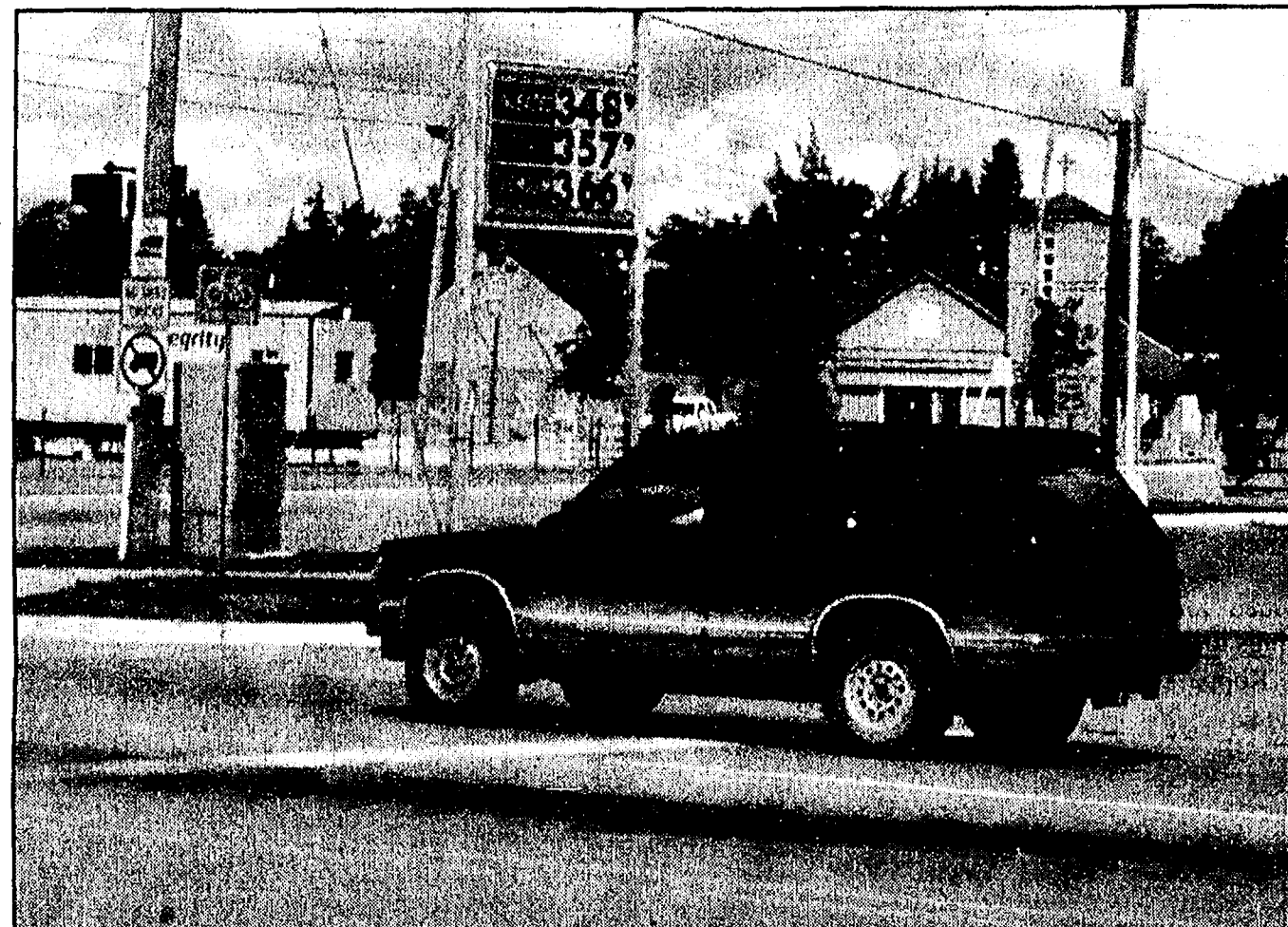


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Operation I.D. pens on loan at library

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The best way to mark metal, wood and hard plastic is to use an electric engraving pen. Some items can be marked with an indelible security marker that can be purchased at local retail stores. Some items cannot be engraved or marked with a pen, such as antiques, furs, jewelry and musical instruments. For these items, it is suggested that they be photographed and or video taped and a complete description recorded on an inventory sheet.

The Grayling City Police Department and the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library have joined forces to provide citizens with the use of electric engraver pens. The pens are available for loan from the library

for a one-week period. Engravers come with an instruction sheet, several inventory forms and two Operation ID window decals that inform potential thieves that your property is marked and easily identifiable.

When selecting a proper identification number, it is suggested you use your drivers license number with the state abbreviation. Never use your social security number. The instruction sheet that comes with the engraver has detailed information to assist you on properly marking your possessions.

Which items should you engrave? You should mark and record anything of value that a burglar could conceivably carry away. This could include bikes,

binoculars, power tools, electronic items, hand tools, recreational items, appliances, computers and other items you may want to mark and inventory. Even if these items already have a serial number, you may still want to engrave your number on it, especially if the serial number is on a tag that can be easily removed. Property owners, however, are encouraged to make sure they record the model and serial number from each item on their inventory sheets.

For more information about Operation I.D., citizens can visit the Devereaux Memorial Library for an instruction sheet or contact Officer Tim Coe at the Grayling City Police Department at 348-4621.

Books are being collected locally for Katrina victims

When America is faced with a challenge such as hurricane Katrina it is no surprise that generations young and old bond together to give comfort and assistance. An anonymous patron of the Crawford County Library System approached Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson and offered to donate some new books to be given to those individuals and families who have been relocated to Fort Custer in Battle Creek.

Mansfield-Sanderson thought it was a great idea and talked about it with her seven year old son Dakotah at dinner. "Mom, I have books on my shelf that the kids might want. It would be really sad not to be able to read. Books make you not as lonely, books are a friend." Can we ask kids around school to give some books too? said Dakotah.

Mansfield-Sanderson along

with her son decided to take the challenge to the people of the community. The Crawford County Library System will be accepting donations of books of all types in excellent condition.

Mansfield-Sanderson contacted Colonel Lamie, from Camp Grayling to garner the necessary assistance through phone calls to help get the clearance to actually get the books to the people relocated to Michigan.

Crawford County Library System has also offered to provide voluntary personnel to read to the children at the base if arrangements can be made. "It is so wonderful to be a part of a community that is willing to pull together and to unselfishly give to others," said Mansfield-Sanderson.

Mansfield-Sanderson shared the story of her son's idea to give his own books to the victims of

Katrina with local business owners Ann Stephenson and Sandy Millikin. Stephenson who owns Riverland Gear in downtown Grayling and Sandy Millikin owner of Parrott's Perch joined the cause by giving a large discount to any who purchased a book for Katrina victims at the store. Those books will be boxed up at Riverland and Parrott's Perch and placed in piles that have been accumulating over the weekend.

"We never realized how blessed we are to be in a community that cares about one another. It is my hope to bring a moment of comfort to others," Stephenson said.

Donations of books may be dropped off at any of the branches located in Crawford County and will be assembled for transportation by volunteers to the base at Fort Custer.

Rotary Club donates bike rings to community

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Rotary Club is ringing the 100th Anniversary of Rotary International by encouraging people to get out on their bicycles.

The Grayling Rotary Club has donated 50 bike rings to the City of Grayling, which people can lock their bike to while they go into a restaurant, business or municipal building.

The project was part of Rotary International Centennial Celebration since the civic organization was founded in 1905 and is marking its 100th year serving communities. Each club was encouraged to do a community project as part of the Centennial Celebration.

The bike rings are attached to a post, and allow cyclists to secure their bikes to the rings with a chain and lock.

A total of 50 bike rings, which cost \$2,500, will be placed throughout the community.

"We just figured that with the development of the bike trails and the increased usage that this would fit in with what is going on in the county," said Larry Akers, the outgoing president for the Grayling Rotary Club. "It's going to be easier for people to go downtown to the shopping areas and restaurants and this will give them something that they can lock their bikes to."

The Rotary Club has considered purchasing a clock or benches for the downtown area, but decided that the bike rings was the most feasible option.

Wayne Koppa, a Rotary member and chairman of the Crawford County Pathway Committee, provided information on the bike rings to Rotary members.

Koppa said the bike rings are widely used in communities in Canada, as well as in Boston and Wisconsin.

"What's nice about the bike rings is they can be used to secure



Chad Beckett, the City of Grayling's Department of Public Works director, displays one of the bike rings donated by the Grayling Rotary Club.

your bicycle, but it does take up as much room as a traditional bicycle rack," Koppa said. "Hopefully, this will encourage people to use that form of transportation."

Milli Haug, a Grayling Rotary Club member and Crawford AuSable Schools superintendent, headed up a committee which worked on the Centennial Celebration project.

"We have so many bike paths in our town and we just wanted to do something to encourage people who enjoy that form of recreation and exercise," Haug said.

The City of Grayling's Department of Public Works director, Chad Beckett, said the Grayling Rotary Club's donation of bike rings will be placed throughout the downtown area, including at businesses, at the city's municipal buildings and community buildings. "We appreciate the donation of such at the Grayling Rotary Club," Beckett said. "Any time I don't have to take money out of my budget, that's always good because that leaves more money that can be spent on the water, sewer and other infrastructure."

"Any time we can get donations - whether it be in the form of some other form of infrastructure development of the bike path system - we're tickled," said David Sabin, the city attorney who is part of the bike path committee.

The bike rings were designed and manufactured by the City of Grayling and are now being installed throughout the downtown area.

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Woman's afghan is top winner

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

An afghan which will eventually become a family keepsake garnered top honors at the Michigan State Fair for a South Branch Township woman.

Lynn Holbrook received a blue ribbon in the Community Arts competition at the Michigan State Fair held in August.

Holbrook was inspired to crochet the afghan since it was the 100th anniversary of the Michigan State Fair.

"I enjoy the competition and it's a lot of fun," she said.

Holbrook shipped the blanket to the fair, and said she did not know exactly why the entry earned top honors.

"I guess something just caught their eye," she said.

Holbrook, who formerly lived in Wayne County, has received a number of ribbons from State Fair competitions over the years. She earned her first blue ribbon in 1977 for an afghan crocheted for a baby's bed. She held on to that blanket to give to her first grandchild, Rebekah Holbrook, who is now 22.

Holbrook said Rebekah will also receive her latest afghan, which was made to fit a king sized bed, when she is married.

"Three people could wrap up in this thing," Holbrook said. "I don't know why I made it so big. I just kept going and going."

Holbrook says she always gives away the items she creates, so they do not pile up around her home. She is currently doing needle point crafts, which she will donate to the Roscommon Baptist Church for an upcoming Christmas Bazaar.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Lynn Holbrook received a blue ribbon in the Community Arts competition at the Michigan State Fair held in August.

By far, though, Holbrook said crocheting is her favorite way to relax and express her creativity.

"It's very soothing," she said. Lynn's husband, Dan Holbrook, is a bus driver for Crawford AuSable Schools.

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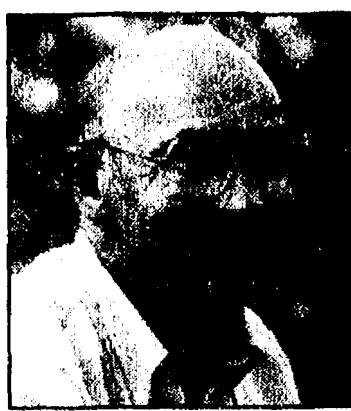
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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

October deadline brings state budget into focus

WITH LABOR DAY now come and gone, it's time in Lansing for the state legislature and the governor to get down to brass tax although no one has proposed a new tax on brass yet.

New Year's Day for Michigan's fiscal year is October 1 -- a deadline that brings a sense of urgency into budget talks which have been virtually at arm's length so far.

At last reports, three different versions of a budget for the 2005-06 fiscal year floated around the capital -- the governor's version plus two legislative versions, one from the Republican majority in the state senate and a different one from the state house Republican majority. Each rounds out at \$40 billion or so.

The devil, of course, is in the details, as the old saying goes, which would be where any new tax on brass would emerge.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, resident Democrat, favors a few less spending cuts and a few more revenue enhancements meaning reshuffling some

business taxes and installing higher user fees and taxes here and there, which eventually end up costing the taxpayers more money, of course.

The Republican budget versions generally favor more and deeper spending cuts, fewer revenue enhancements, and even tax cuts in certain areas, such as business levies.

And so it goes. The same thrust and parry approach between the parties seems to go on every year.

With the October 1 fiscal new year, attempts to reach some sort of agreement on an end product will intensify. Neither side will be happy with the outcome, but grudging consents will somehow develop, and the ship of this state once more will sail on.

CONTINUAL DEDICATION of decision makers against any new taxes in many ways is a self-defeating approach.

Dollar support for higher education is one example. As student enrollments in Michigan's 15 state universities increas-

es, and other costs of doing the business of education also rise, state decision makers stall or reduce financial support for the schools.

Operation costs continue to increase, of course, so every Michigan public university this year has raised tuitions. Higher tuition cost to students and parents is not a tax by definition, but the consumer pays in the end. No new taxes? Not really.

Or consider another user fee. A new tax on theater owners based on films they acquire for public viewing has been suggested. A six percent tax would produce an estimated \$20 million. But movie tickets undoubtedly would cost more, and the movie patron would pay the \$20 million. No new taxes? Not really.

The same for extending the sales tax to services -- another proposal from time to time. If your doctor or dentist or lawyer must pay a 6 percent sales tax on his/her charges every time you make a visit, they will simply pass it on and the

patient/client will pay higher doctor, dentist or lawyer fees. No new taxes? Not really.

But doesn't insurance coverage cover medical and dental costs? Maybe, but when insurance costs go up, so do insurance premiums, which once more soon filters directly to the consumer.

When the state chops down or eliminates state support to local governments and local schools, state spending is lower. But this is not really saving taxpayer money, because the buck is passed to the local units which either must raise their taxes or cut their services. Is this genuine government economy? Not really. No new taxes? Not really.

SEPTEMBER 2005 is budget crunch time in Michigan, as it was in 2004, too. Here are the closing words of a similar Almanack written in September 2004:

"The more critical aspect of the entire budget measure is that it is yet another instance of budgeting by duct tape and baling wire.

"Few if any budget solutions adopted in recent years solve any part of overall problems of running state government. All are stopgap measures, and most tend to make long term problems more severe.

"Michigan faces a more basic problem: Our tax system as now constituted and compromised by the inane self imposed political mantra of 'no new taxes for anything' will not support state services.

"Michigan's overall tax structure and procedures need thorough study and drastic overhaul."

Those comments are appropriate in 2005 as well and with elections for governor and legislature coming up next year, probably in 2006 as well.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

by Leon E. Hank, CPA Chief Administrative Officer Michigan Department of Transportation

MDOT takes more active role in Mackinac Bridge

Over the last three years, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has taken a more active role in overseeing the operations and finances of the Mackinac Bridge, with the ultimate goal of keeping tolls low, ensuring that traffic flows smoothly across the bridge, and protecting the safety of the bridge and the people who use it. That role will result in the anticipated saving of almost \$4,000,000 in taxpayer funds over the next fifteen years. Additionally, business practices have become more efficient, transparent and consistent, and security measures have been updated to meet the realities of the potential threats that confront major transportation assets nationwide.

This letter is written to clarify the actions taken by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to improve bridge operations and maintain accountability at the Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA). Recent public descriptions of the last MBA meeting did not include the facts and business justifications that prompted the actions taken by MDOT during the last three years, including the following:

1. The MBA board voted to hire a private investment firm to manage the \$25 million in funds that will be used for future reconstruction of the bridge's road surface. The board had

been advised by the Attorney General's Office that only the State Treasurer had legal authority to manage the bridge's investments. The Authority's contract with this private company would pay this firm about \$62,500 per year. MDOT and the State Treasurer determined that the State Treasurer - which invests more than \$50 billion for all state agencies - could provide the same services for only \$15,000 per year, a considerable savings over the board's private firm. Ten months after this change was made, several MBA board members have publicly stated that they are pleased with the State Treasurer's management of bridge investments.

2. The MBA board recently ordered Mackinac Bridge staff to hire a risk management firm to perform a \$24,000 study to identify business risks at the bridge and determine insurance needs. The vendor selected by the board was suggested by one of the insurance brokers currently selling \$250,000 of insurance coverage to the MBA. The board made no effort to determine if the price quoted for the study was reasonable, and there was no effort to competitively bid out this study.

Subsequently, MDOT retained the Michigan Department of Management and Budget (DMB) at a cost of \$2,000 to complete a thorough study of the risks the bridge faces and the

insurance coverage the bridge should have, saving the Mackinac Bridge \$22,000 of taxpayer funds.

3. The MBA board has been spending about \$250,000 annually for insurance at the bridge. The results of the DMB review described above concluded that the bridge was paying for \$4,500 of redundant and unnecessary insurance, paying \$10,000 too much for auto insurance protection, and paying \$130,000 for insurance coverage that should be self-insured to achieve additional savings (like all other State of Michigan agencies do). Rather than waste toll revenue on unnecessary insurance costs, MDOT implemented this cost savings plan to responsibly reduce the bridge's insurance costs and to keep tolls low.

4. The MBA board entered into an annual bridge inspection contract with a private engineering firm. The MBA had not been following standard state contract procedures and has been overpaying this firm by \$15,000 per year. MDOT is in the process of recovering these overpayments and has instituted new procedures at the bridge to prevent future overpayments.

Some additional issues require clarification as well. Recent reports have stated that the Mackinac Bridge is completely self-sufficient and does not receive any state funds. In fact, the bridge has received substan-

tial state support over the years, including more than \$62 million in loan re-payment assistance. Without this state assistance, bridge tolls would be substantially higher today than the low tolls currently paid by bridge users -- including the 16 percent of bridge users who are regular commuters.

Following the terrorist acts of Sept. 11, 2001, major bridges in the U.S. have elected to keep their inspection reports confidential, because they contain useful information for terrorists. This practice is now being followed at the Mackinac Bridge and is consistent with the current security practices of other similar bridges nationwide. The Mackinac Bridge is well maintained and in excellent condition, especially for a 50 year-old structure. The detailed findings of the report, however, are no longer discussed in public. Summary observations and conclusions about bridge conditions are still discussed in public settings.

The Mackinac Bridge is Michigan's premier transportation asset, and a vital economic, cultural and geographic link for all of Michigan and the upper Midwest. MDOT remains committed to working with the MBA and Michigan Legislature to ensure the Bridge retains its pre-eminent status and that the MBA continues to be accountable to Michigan taxpayers.

EDITOR

How can gas stations justify their gas costs?

To the editor:

I am a writer by trade and find myself at a loss for words strong enough to express the disgust I have regarding the gas price situation in town. On Sunday, Aug. 27, the typical price in town among all stations on the I-75 Business Loop was \$2.79. This price is already 18 cents above the national average of \$2.61, according to CNN. By the afternoon of the following day, prices were up to \$3.00. Tuesday, Aug. 29 saw prices climb to \$3.19, with some actually reaching \$3.48 by Wednesday afternoon.

Living in a tourist town, I have come to expect a spike in prices during peak holiday weekends, however, several stations took gross advantage of the recent hurricane by raising their prices to reprehensible levels. Some gas stations saw a golden opportunity to capitalize from the death and destruction left in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in order to make a few extra bucks by hiking up their prices to a revolting \$ 3.48.

I believe these stations themselves realized their own gross misconduct because within a few hours of them hiking their prices to this level, they "reduced" them down to a range

of \$3.30, while other stations in town held steady at an average \$3.19. How can some gas stations justify that their gas costs 11 cents more per gallon than the gas right across the street? There is absolutely no way that these stations can defend themselves for this action.

We have not yet truly felt the effects of the hurricane on gas supply/prices yet, as supported by all local and national news sources. President Bush himself stated in a press conference on Wednesday, Aug. 31, that the southeast region of the country should expect to be the hardest hit, and yet the prices in this region didn't yet hit the levels that these Grayling stations were attempting to charge. Their price hikes can only be motivated by vulgar greed and capitalizing on a horrific natural disaster.

It's ridiculous enough that Grayling stations have been higher than the national average all summer long. It is disgusting that some stations had to see how far they could push the price envelope in order to maximize their gain from what is being called America's largest natural disaster in history.

Cindy Timmons
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Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

CASD Retirees to hold get-together

The Crawford AuSable School District Retirees will hold their annual get-together and dinner on Saturday, Sept. 10, in the cafeteria of the AuSable Primary School. Social hour begins at 3 p.m., and dinner will be served at 4 p.m. All Retirees and their spouses are welcome. To make a reservation, call Chris Lauria at 989-821-5303.

GHS Viking Band to hold Band Day

On Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Grayling Viking band will be holding their bi-annual "BAND-DAY" in the Glen's parking lot. The band students will be washing and vacuuming cars, grilling hotdogs and collecting cans to raise money for a trip to the city of Toronto. This year, the band students have an opportunity to attend a college level clinic with a local professor helping them with their music. They will also do a performance within the city of Toronto and will attend a musical at one of the theatres in the city.

Sheriff to attend South Branch Twp. meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be attending the South Branch Township meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. He will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary will remain afterward for additional questions or comments.

Kirtland House art exhibition is postponed

The Mark Gurevitch art exhibition, at the Kirtland House, has been postponed to Wednesday, Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Crawford County Courthouse. Regular meetings are the second Thursday of the month. The public is welcome. For more information call 348-7037 or check their website at firstdistrictdems.com/crawford.

Mom to Mom Sale to be held by M.O.P.S.

The M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) of the Grayling Free Methodist Church will be holding a Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Woodland Motor Lodge. Buy, sell or consignment. Proceeds go to M.O.P.S. Call 348-9094.

Wisdom of Women Program begins fourth year

The program, "Wisdom of Women: A Holistic Approach to Health and Spirituality," begins its fourth year for women in the Grayling and surrounding communities. The program is funded by the Sisters of Mercy and co-sponsored by Mercy Hospital. The sessions offer to women in the rural area an opportunity for developing a balance in life, with input on topics of holistic health and spirituality. Each topic is presented by a woman from the Northern Michigan area who has expertise in the art of the topic.

The sessions begin with a meditation, followed by input from a woman leader who also involves the participants in a reflective process for integration and concludes with a ritual. The sessions will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church, Grayling on a Tuesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and two Saturday sessions. The program for this year includes:

Oct. 4, The Path of Wisdom, Jean Umlor, RSM; Journaling and Wisdom, Mary Backlund.

Nov. 1, Journaling and Creativity, Mary Backlund.

Dec. 6, Healing Wisdom of Touch, Kay and Ray Thomas Hogan.

Feb. 11, Universal Dance of Peace, Creating Sacred Symbols, Bernie Dosch and Patti Quilan.

March 7, Wisdom Messages from Menopause, Mary Seger, RN., NP.

April 8, A Journey with Sophia, Nancy Haywood.

For information and registration contact Jean Umlor, RSM at jumlor@mercydetroit.org or call 989-348-6716.

Barbershop Harmony Society is sponsoring a guest night

The Barbershop Harmony Society is inviting men of all ages to attend the Harmonie Meisters' guest night in Gaylord. The event takes place on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Gaylord First United Methodist Church, South Center Ave. and First St.

"You don't need a terrific voice or know how to read music," said Membership V.P. Dick Beachnau. "The only requirement is that you enjoy singing, having fun and fellowship with like minded men and of course, this is a great hobby for fathers and sons." Guests are being invited to join from throughout Northern Michigan. The group currently has members from Indian River, Lewiston, Grayling and seven members from Roscommon County.

The Barbershop Harmony Society is an international singing organization with more than 30,000 members throughout the United States and Canada. Local chapters support a number of charitable causes, such as singing to shut-in groups, helping fund youth music training, etc. There is no charge for this enjoyable and uplifting event, so plan on giving us a try. There's a very good chance you'll be back.

For more information for those in the Roscommon/Grayling area, call Marlyn Byrd at 989-821-6345 or 275-4975. For more general information about the Barbershop Harmony Society, call 866-799-SING, or go online to www.youcansingtoo.com.

2005 Northern Michigan Forum to be held in Gaylord

The ever-changing marketplace makes it increasingly important for employers and business owners to use the available resources to their advantage. Help ensure the future success of your business by attending the 2005 Employer Forum.

The 2005 Employer Forum will be held on October 20, at the Treetops Convention Center, in Gaylord, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will provide employers with an opportunity to learn new strategies to increase profits and sales.

Bob Negen of WhizBang! Training and the Mackinaw Kite Company, will be the speaker for the morning session. Mr. Negen will be presenting employers with a unique opportunity to develop strategies to "Explode Your Sales". Whether you have a retail store, service business, non-profit organization, restaurant or hospitality establishment, you can benefit from these powerful, effective and cost efficient ways to realize big sales increases.

The afternoon session with Lew Bender, Ph.D., a professor from Southern Illinois University, will be equally

informative with his presentation on "Managing Generational Differences" in the workplace. Dr. Bender is a specialist in training and organizational development for business and conducts workshops for management, supervisory, support staff and customer service employees-anyone who needs to be effective in communicating. He is well known for his candid approach and casual style.

Teaming up to sponsor the forum are: Department of Labor and Economic Growth-BWP Veterans Services & Michigan Rehabilitation Services, North Central Michigan College's Institute for Business & Industry Training, Eastern UP, Northeast and Northwest Michigan Works!, Michigan's Sunrise Side, Inc., Oscoda County Economic Development Corp., Otsego County Economic Alliance and Weyerhaeuser.

The cost is only \$20 and includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials. For additional information or to request a brochure/ registration information, contact your local MI Works! Business Liaison or Jane at 800.371.2533 or jane@miworks-nemc.gen.mi.us.

ML&SA to hold annual Fall Seminar

Michigan Lake and Stream Association (ML&SA) has been in existence for almost 45 years, and will celebrate their 45th anniversary the last weekend of April in 2006. They have grown from 30 plus lakes to what they are today. ML & SA is a statewide organization with the sole purpose of helping property owners maintain the quality of their water on the state's lakes, rivers, streams and in the watershed of these waters.

Throughout the year they hold meetings to update property owners concerning legislation, new rules and regulations that may affect them and their bodies of water. Each year ML & SA sponsor a three-day statewide conference with numerous speakers on topics property owners have expressed an interest in.

They also have several Annual Fall Regional one-day seminars throughout the state with speakers you have selected. Several of these Fall Regional Seminars will be held beginning in September and running through October.

Regions nine, ten and eleven will again hold their combined one-day Fall Regional Seminar on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005 at BJ's Restaurant on Old 27 N. in Gaylord. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. meeting from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., buffet lunch included.

Guest speakers will address the Beach Walking topic and Road Ends, Marine Safety, and Aeration of your lake. The public is welcome whether you are a member of Michigan Lake & Stream Association or not.

Region 9 consists of Leelanau, Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Manistee, Wexford, and Missaukee counties.

Region 10 consists of Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Crawford, Oscoda and Alcona counties.

Region 11 consists of Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Emmet, and Charlevoix counties.

For further information about all of the upcoming Fall Seminars, check the ML&SA web page at www.mlswa.org.

Kirtland hosting informational meeting on radiography program


Anyone interested in a career in radiography can learn more about the field during an informational meeting being hosted Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 11 a.m., in room 213 of the Instructional Center on the Kirtland Community College campus.

The radiography curriculum is a collaborative program offered by Kirtland and Mid Michigan Community College. It is designed to prepare graduates to function as members of a health team in hospitals, clinics, governmental and military installations, industry and public health.

John Skinner, program director for the radiography program at Mid Michigan Community College, will be at Kirtland to offer information about the pro-

gram. No appointments are necessary, but questions may be directed to Anne Essmaker at 989-275-5000, ext. 372 or Don Dyer at ext. 231.

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Mercy Hospital Grayling holds Auxiliary awards banquet

Forty-six Auxiliary members honored for their service to the hospital

The Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary recently held its annual awards banquet to honor the service of dozens of Auxiliary members who have given their time, talents, and energies to the mission of the hospital.

The Auxiliary partners with Mercy Hospital Grayling to support the mission of the hospital in providing quality medical services to the residents of Grayling and the surrounding communi-

ties. The volunteers spend equal time working within the facility helping with the daily operations and fund raising to assist the hospital in meeting its capital budget requirements.

During fiscal year 2004, the Auxiliary donated a total of 15,808 hours that made a difference in the lives of patients and staff alike, working in support positions at the front desk and other service areas, attending the waiting areas, escorting patients and their families around the hospital, staffing the Window Shop, and a myriad of other tasks throughout the facility.

Additionally, the Auxiliary donated almost \$7,400 to the hospital to purchase an overhead lift system and new dishes for Food Services. The Auxiliary has also accepted a substantial fund raising effort to raise \$250,000 toward the capital campaign for the new Emergency Department.

At the Aug. 23 banquet, 46 members of the Auxiliary were honored for their hours of volunteered service. These awards ranged from 100 hours of volun-

teer service up to 12,500 hours of service. Each distinguished recipient received a gold star pin, with their hours of service noted, to be proudly worn on their uniforms.

The Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary has served since being founded in 1912 by 20 local women. Those initial volunteers began as a fund raising group to help the Sisters of Mercy purchase essentials for the hospital, such as bandages and antiseptic. By the 1960s there was a doubling in its membership and a more official tone to the Auxiliary. Currently there are more than 70 active Auxiliary members who are committed to serving the hospital and the community through their tireless efforts.

To learn more about Mercy Hospital Grayling and the Hospital Auxiliary, stop by the Volunteer Services office on the first floor of the hospital, or call Scott Hoffer, Volunteer Services Specialist at (989) 348-0527. You can become part of the Auxiliary and make a difference that really counts.

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Diane O'Toole

Stumping in Grayling



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Dick DeVos, a Republican candidate for the 2006 Michigan governor's race, was at Goodale's Bakery in Grayling last week, addressing his platform of job creation and retention and economic development for Michigan. Above, DeVos stands next to Denyce Krolczyk, a member of the Crawford County Republican Party, as he buys a sticker which says "Happiness Is A Republican Governor," which were being distributed by local party members. Sam Moore, vice chairman for the Crawford County Republican Party and former state chairman of the Michigan Federation of College Republicans, was instrumental in bringing DeVos to Grayling.

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Growth spurs move for Kodiak Group engineers

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

An engineering firm busting at the seams in the Grayling Industrial Park is preparing to take a bite out of more national and international business when it moves to more spacious headquarters on M-72.

The Kodiak Group, an engineering and consulting firm, is moving into the former Cartwright and Danewell Building on M-72 West later this month.

Since the firm was established in July, 2002, it has grown from having nine to 19 employees.

The Kodiak Group has been located in a building the firm shares with the North Flight Ambulance Service located at 2307 Dupont St., which has 700 square feet of workspace.

The company's new offices will give them 5,000 square feet of space to operate in.

"It's been pretty cramped the last couple of years, so we're just trying to get more room so everybody can comfortably get their work done," said Cory Summers, vice president for the Kodiak Group.

The Kodiak Group is comprised of the former managers and engineers who worked for the CSI Industrial Systems. CSI Industrial Systems closed its doors in 2001 due to financial issues.

Sticking with its established customer base, the Kodiak Group has continued to flourish. The firm now does business in 14



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Kodiak Group is moving from the Grayling Industrial Park to the former Cartwright and Danewell building on M-72 West. Pictured above, are Kodiak Group owners Howard Wood, Cory Summers, Jim Kiefer, Mike Waltz and Steve Kassuba.

states, as well as in Canada, China and Mexico.

The Kodiak Group has also ventured into the sale of custom equipment used in foundries, wood plants, cement plants, chemical plants, paper mills, composite plastics plants and heavy industrial plants.

"Word of mouth has given us as much work as we can handle," said Howard Wood, the president

of the Kodiak Group.

The Kodiak Group is also registered to provide computer networking and information technology consulting services to businesses, Summers said.

The Kodiak Group continued to share a close bond with IMM Inc., which is located in the former CSI Industrial Systems plant on Isenhauer Road.

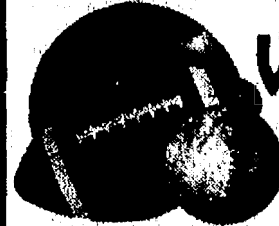
Dobson Heavy Haul, based in

Bay City, purchased CSI's equipment and began operating with CSI's fabrication employees in September, 2002.

IMM Inc. has steadily grown from having six employees to having 30 people on its workforce.

"We're still working together with the same people that were at CSI, but its two different companies," Wood said.

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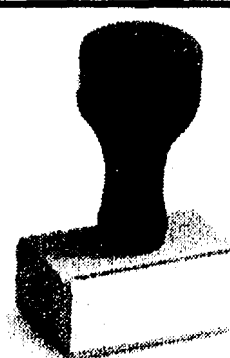
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MDOT offers motorists gas-saving tips and mobility options

Michigan motorists trying to lessen the impact of high prices at the pump have a multitude of options available to them, State Transportation Director Gloria J. Jeff said today. Jeff said that alternatives to driving include taking the bus or other means of public transit, car pools utilizing MDOT Park and Ride lots, and MDOT's Rideshare Program.

"We have a robust multi-modal system in place to provide residents across Michigan with transportation choices that will help them save money and energy while reducing pollution," said Jeff.

Public Transit Options: The

Michigan Department of Transportation offers an entire Web page of information about alternatives to driving, including links to bus companies, Amtrak, and other forms of public transportation throughout the state. You can access information on alternatives to driving at www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9615_29684-31837--,00.html

Michigan Carpool Parking Lot Program: The Michigan Department of Transportation maintains approximately 215 carpool parking lots located throughout the state, with approximately 8,000 parking spaces for use by carpooling motorists. The Carpool Parking Lot (Park and Ride) program continues the department's commitment to conserving limited energy resources.

www.mi.gov/parkandride

Rideshare: Commuters can save money on gasoline, along with wear and tear on their vehicles, by using MichiVan, a statewide vanpooling program sponsored by MDOT. MichiVan will supply fully insured nine-or-15 passenger vans to groups of nine or more commuters, with the cost to be shared among the riders. www.mi.gov/rideshare

Another option for carpooling is Rideshare, a free, computerized service sponsored by SEMCOG (the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) that matches car and vanpool partners for work commuters in the Metro Detroit area. www.semco.org

Driving Cost Calculator: To find out what your commute is costing you each year and how much money you could save by carpooling, use the Driving Cost

Calculator on MDOT's Web site: <http://mdotwas1.mdot.state.mi.us/public/rideshare/drivingcost.cfm>

Gasoline Pricing and Savings Information: To view comparative pricing for gas stations around the state (compiled from information posted by consumers) and information on fuel efficiency, tips for buying gasoline, or to file an electronic gas-gouging report: www.mi.gov/gasprices

Bicycle Route Maps: Those who want to commute by bicycle can find maps for bicycle routes at: On-Road bike maps and information: http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9615_11223-22732--,00.html

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We would like to thank all the staff at Grayling Mercy Hospital for the excellent care and concern they gave to my husband Philip Townley, during his 5 day stay. The Grayling residents should be very proud to have such a great hospital. Again, we say "thanks to all."

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Large Woody Debris (LWD) was once a common site within most Northern Michigan rivers and streams. Early logging practices removed fallen trees and log jams from the stream in order to transport saw logs downstream to lumber mills. Logging activity also harvested the majority of timber within the river corridor preventing the future recruitment of naturally occurring LWD.

Large Woody Debris, in the

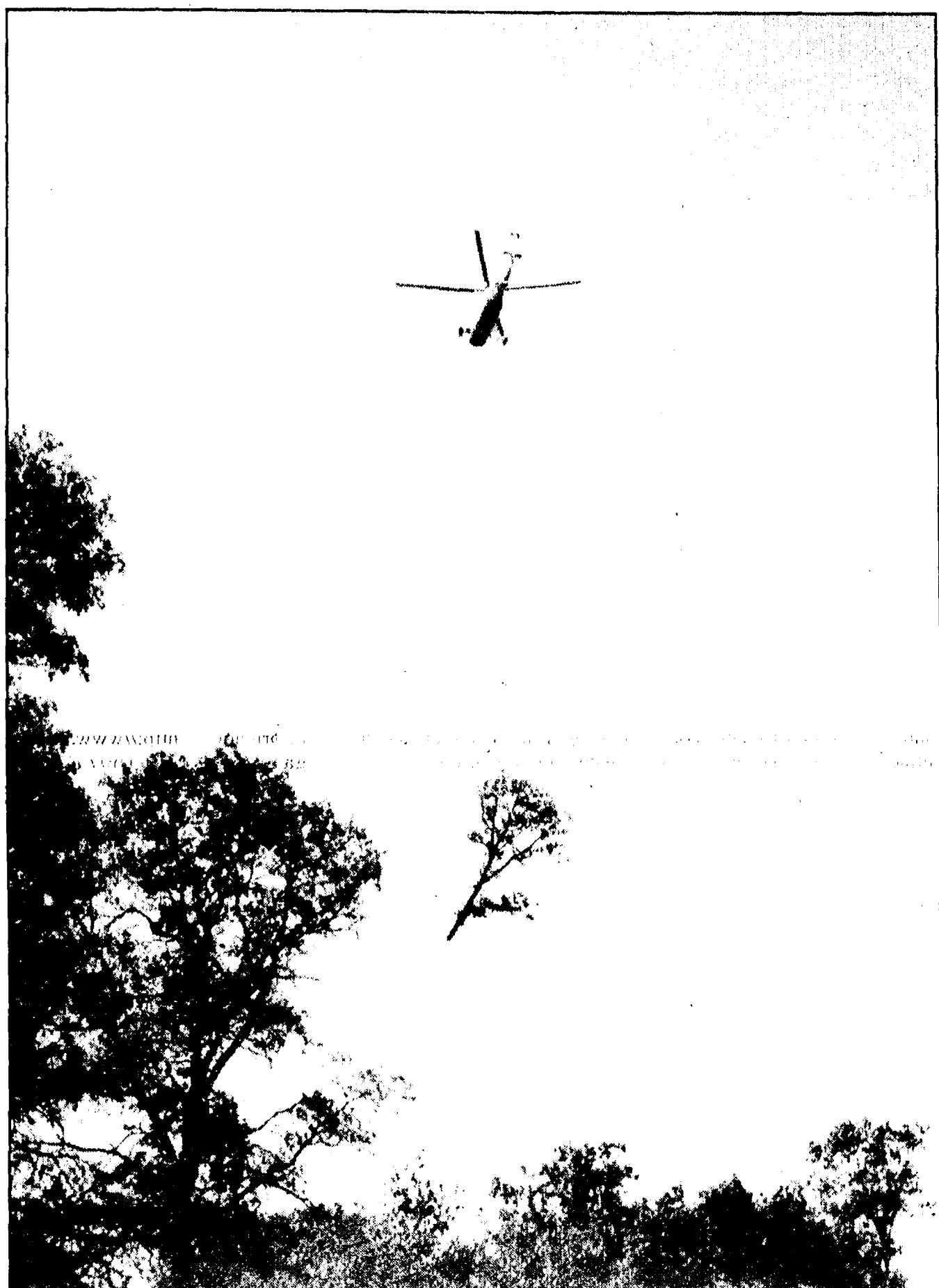
form of whole trees, is a vital component of a healthy aquatic ecosystem in Northern Michigan streams. These structures provide the necessary cover for trout, prey fish, aquatic mammals, and various other organisms in the stream as well as creating the necessary matrix of structure and nutrients that foster a healthy food chain. Most importantly, LWD structures create diversity within the river system by creating riffles, scour holes, and calm slack waters. Properly placed large woody debris structures can also deflect water away from vulnerable stream banks and help protect them from erosion activities.

Normally, during one of these events, the public cannot observe the activities, either due to lack of visibility offered by the landscape or restricted access. However, on Saturday, Sept. 17,

at 1 p.m., the public is invited to witness one of these events at the Rayburn Tract near Grayling. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [info@huronpines.org](mailto:info@huronpines.org) or contact Jill Scarzo ext. 21 at the Huron Pines RC&D office (989) 348-9319. Directions will be provided upon RSVP.

More information about this project is available at [www.huronpines.org](http://www.huronpines.org).

Huron Pines RC&D, providing project coordination for the Large Woody Debris Project, is an organization whose mission is to implement resource conservation and local community improvement projects throughout Northeast Michigan by building partnerships between the public and private sector. The nonprofit, non-governmental organization is based in Grayling and has served this role since 1973.



Huron Pines RC&D will be coordinating a heavy-lift helicopter placement of Large Woody Debris on September 17 at the Rayburn Tract on the AuSable River to help provide a healthy aquatic ecosystem.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of August 28 - September 4:

Two private property accidents, two traffic warnings, two malicious destruction of property complaints, three larceny complaints, four assist other departments, six civil complaints, one assault complaint, one breaking and entering complaint, six suspicious situations, one check law violation, one felony arrest, two misdemeanor arrests, two juvenile complaints, nine disturbing the peace complaints, one purchase permit issued and unclassified complaints.

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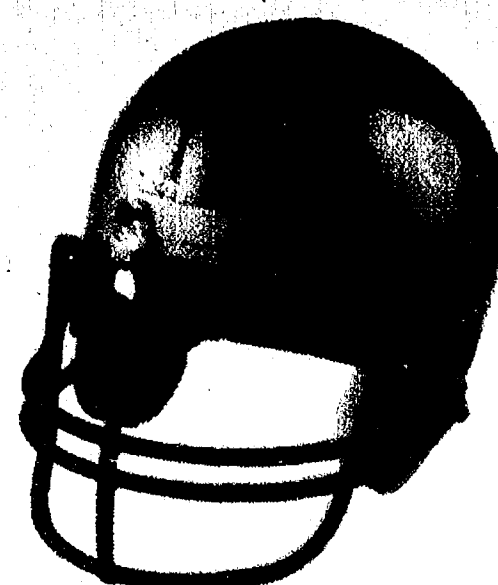
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## Football teams fall to Bobcats

Varsity squad loses 24-12 at Houghton Lake on Thursday

■ **Two of Grayling's four turnovers lead to Bobcat touchdowns in 12-point loss**

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS varsity football team dropped to 1-1 on the season with a 24-12 loss at Houghton Lake High School last Thursday.

On the first series of the game, Grayling fumbled on 2nd and 16 – the fifth play of the possession – and Houghton Lake recovered the ball.

The Bobcats capitalized on

the turnover with an 8-play, 26-yard touchdown drive. The series included a 14-yard pick-up on a screen pass on 4th and 12 to keep the drive going, and was capped with a 1-yard TD run. With the extra point kick, Houghton Lake led 7-0.

A 15-yard personal foul penalty on HL helped set Grayling up at its 45-yard line. Three runs by Joëy Bancroft picked up a first down and moved Grayling into Houghton Lake territory. Two plays later, the Bobcats intercepted a Grayling pass to end the series.

Houghton Lake took over at

its 30. On 2nd and 10, J.C. Schneider sacked the quarterback for a loss of five yards. The Bobcats punted on 4th and 5 and downed the kick at Grayling's 44.

A run by Bancroft gained nine yards. Quarterback Bobby Starks completed a pass to Zac Baker for a first down. Runs by Bancroft, a pass to Baker, and a QB sneak by Starks picked up another first down. On 3rd and 8, Grayling fumbled on an option play and covered the ball, resulting in a loss of 17

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See "VARSITY SQUAD..."

JV team's fourth quarter comeback try comes up short

■ **Vikings lose to Houghton Lake Bobcats 32-24 on Wednesday night**

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

Houghton Lake halted a potential game-tying drive by Grayling late in the fourth quarter of last Wednesday's JV football game at Viking Stadium, helping the visiting Bobcats finish with a 32-24 victory.

The Bobcats received the game's opening kick-off. After 10 plays and two first downs,

Houghton Lake ended the series with a punt on 4th and 15.

Adam Gabriel returned the ball 30 yards (approximately) to give Grayling good field position at Houghton Lake's 38-yard line. On the second play of the possession, fullback Dustin Russo broke free for a 36-yard touchdown run. Grayling pitched the ball to tailback Ryan Cooper on the conversion try for two points. Grayling led 8-0.

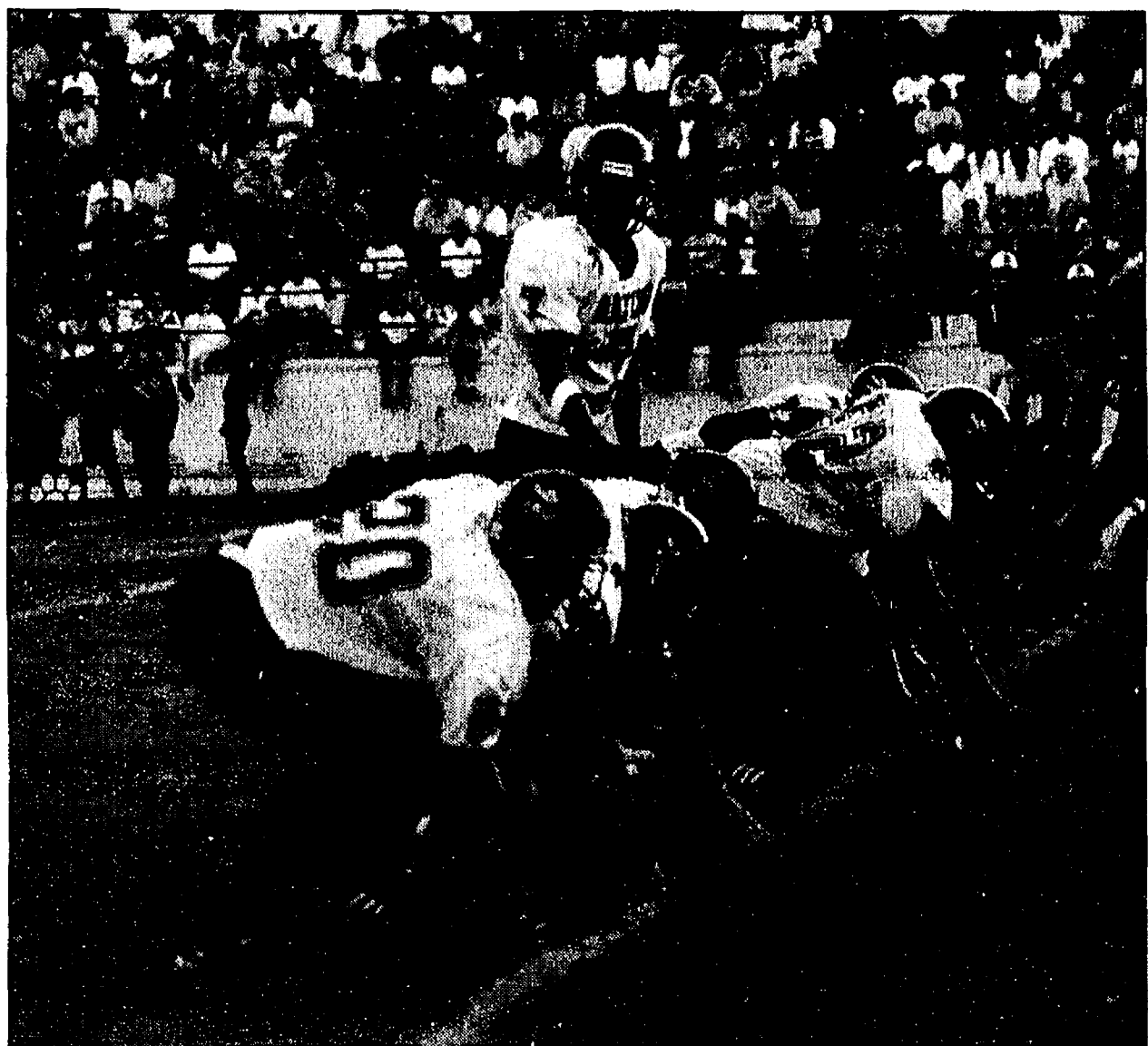
Houghton Lake returned Grayling's kick-off 50 yards to set the Bobcats up with good

field position. Houghton Lake scored a touchdown on a 23-yard pass play on the first play of the series. The Bobcats tried for a one-point conversion, but the holder fumbled the snap and the attempt failed. The Vikings led 8-6.

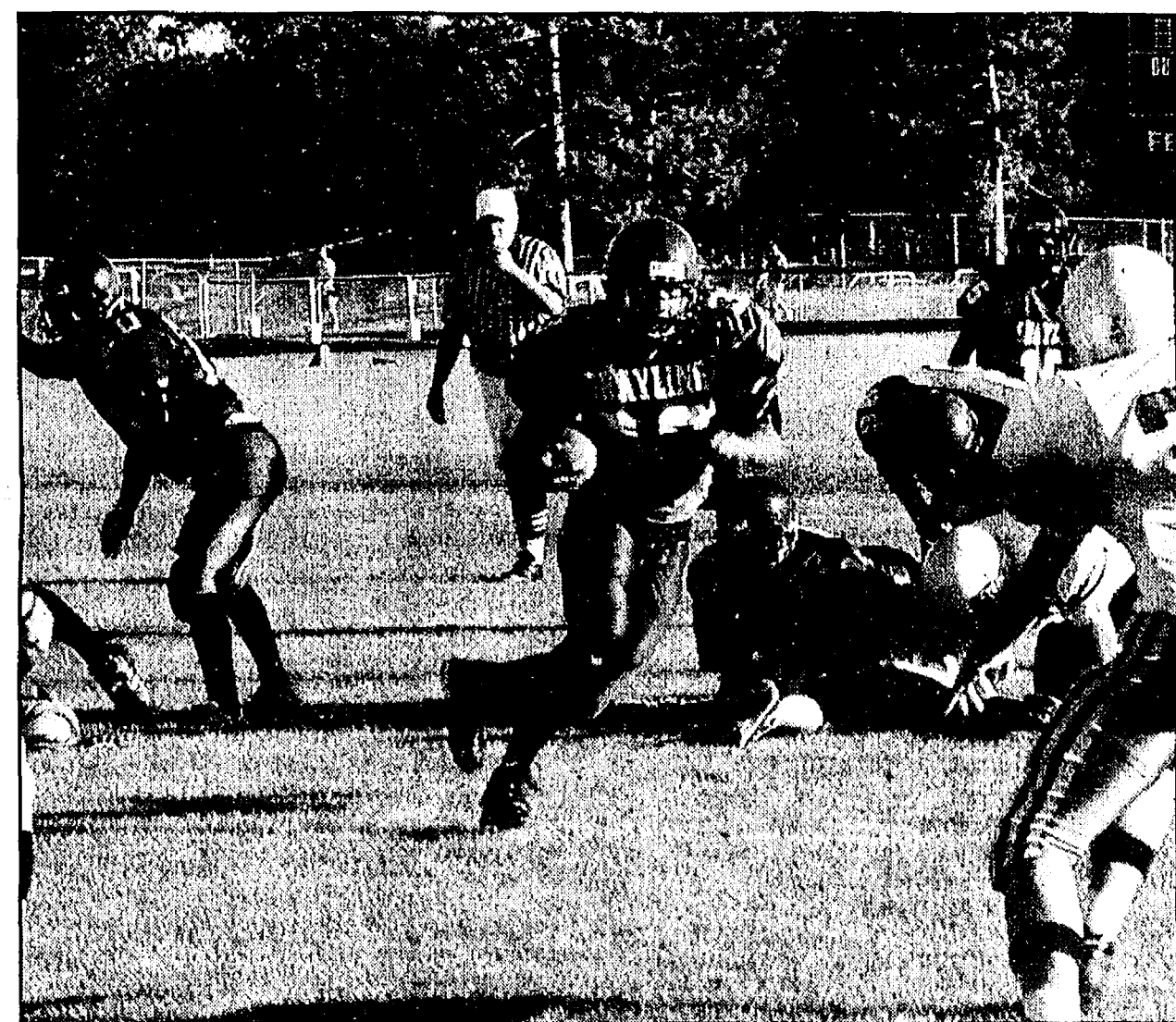
Grayling answered with a 13-play, 63-yard touchdown drive. Two runs by Russo picked up a first down. Two runs by Cooper moved the chains again. Runs by Russo, Cooper, and Geo Bindschatel gained enough for another first

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See "JV TEAM'S..."



Grayling sets up for a play on offense in last Thursday's game at Houghton Lake High School.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Ryan Cooper carries the ball for Grayling in last Wednesday's junior varsity football game vs. Houghton Lake.

## Girls basketball teams play season openers vs. Roscommon



Katie Baynham drives to the basket for Grayling in last Monday's varsity girls basketball game vs. Roscommon. For more on the varsity team, see Page 4B.




Tiffany Davis sets up for a rebound for Grayling in Monday night's junior varsity girls basketball match against the Roscommon Bucks. For more on the JV team, see Page 5B.



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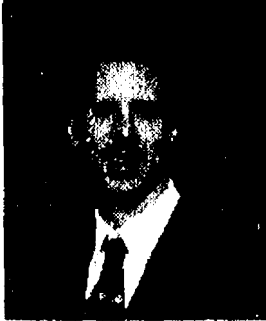
Brianna Farrell looks to shoot for Grayling's freshman team in Monday's season opener vs. RHS. For more on the 9th grade team, see Page 5B.





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At last Thursday's Grayling vs. Houghton Lake varsity football game at Houghton Lake High School, several students from both schools collected donations for the Red Cross Relief Fund for victims of Hurricane Katrina. The students raised \$542 by the end of the third quarter. Pictured: (front, L to R) Mindy Saxton, Jessie Baker, Chelsea VanNuck, Jessica Miller, Alyssa Meyer, Ryan Youngs; (back, L to R) Isaac VanNuck, Andrea Southard, Samantha Nichols, Ryan Cooper, Zach Youngs.

## Varsity squad loses 24-12 at Houghton Lake on Thursday

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yards. The Vikings punted. On 3rd and 8 for Houghton Lake, Schneider sacked the quarterback for a loss of six, forcing a punt situation. The Bobcats kicked on 4th and 14, and a fair catch by Grayling put the Vikings at their 37-yard line.

On 2nd and 9, Jeff Bancroft completed a deep pass to Baker for a gain of 37 yards, but the play was wiped out by a penalty. A dropped pass on 3rd and 17 forced a punt.

The Bobcats turned the ball over on downs at Grayling's 35. Three runs by Joey Bancroft picked up 11 yards and a first down. On 3rd and 6, Starks hooked up with Eli VanNuck on a

deep route for a gain of 21 yards. On the next play, Joey Bancroft broke free for a 29-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion attempt failed. The Bobcats led 7-6.

Houghton Lake covered Grayling's squib kick at the 43. On the first play of the series, Reagan Schmidt intercepted a Bobcat pass, giving Grayling the ball at its 22-yard line.

A pass to Jeff Bancroft gained 14 yards. On the next play, Houghton Lake picked off a Grayling pass and returned the ball to the 20.

Grayling's defense held for three plays. On 4th and 7, the Bobcats threw to the end zone and completed the pass for a 17-yard touchdown play. Following the extra point kick, Houghton Lake led 14-6 with 27 seconds left in the first half.

The Vikings took a knee to end the second quarter.

Houghton Lake received the ball to open the second half. On the kick return, the Bobcat returner got through for a big gain. Tim VanNuck tripped the return man from behind with a diving tackle to save a touchdown.

On the fifth play of the possession, Eli VanNuck intercepted a Houghton Lake pass at the end zone. The officials ruled that VanNuck was down at the 1-yard line, giving Grayling possession at its own 1. The Vikings punted after three plays.

Houghton Lake finished a nine-play drive with a 27-yard field goal to lead 17-6.

Grayling punted after three plays.

The Bobcats moved into Grayling territory and set up a two-yard touchdown run with a 30-yard pass play on 3rd and 14. Houghton Lake kicked the extra point to take a 24-6 lead with 3:25 left in the third quarter.

A fumbled hand-off on the fifth play of Grayling's next series resulted in another turnover.

Houghton Lake ran four plays and surrendered the ball on downs.

A run by Schneider on 2nd and 7 gained 22 yards. Joey Bancroft ran for 28 yards on the next play. Three plays later, Grayling went for it on 4th and 3 and came up short. The Bobcats ran three plays and punted.

After the kick, Grayling started at Houghton Lake's 39-yard line. A pass to Jeff Bancroft and a run by Joey Bancroft picked up a first down. A pass to Baker gained seven yards. On 2nd and 3, Starks threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Eli VanNuck. The two-point conversion try failed. The Bobcats led 24-12.

The Vikings tried an on-side kick but Houghton Lake covered the ball. The Bobcats punted after three plays. Grayling called a fair catch and started at its own 18.

Three incomplete passes and a penalty brought up 4th and 15. Grayling fumbled on the snap and covered the ball, resulting in a turnover on downs.

The Bobcats ran five plays and turned the ball over on downs at the 6-yard line with 49 seconds left in the game. Grayling ran two plays and the game ended with Houghton Lake on top 24-12.

"Houghton Lake outplayed us tonight," Coach Ben Brock said. "We committed five turnovers and that led to us losing 24-12. Our defense forced Houghton Lake into four turnovers, but our miscues gave them the ball with in striking distance of the goal line. Take nothing away from Houghton Lake. They are a good ball club and I can see them going 8-1 or 9-0 on the season. They have got to be considered a

favorite in the Jack Pine Conference. Who knows, maybe we can meet up again in the playoffs."

"We did have some positives in that we found out who wants to play in big games. J.C. Schneider had a great game on offense and defense by rushing for 55 yards and recording seven tackles and two sacks. Eli VanNuck caught four passes for 70 yards and a TD. He also had eight tackles and an interception. Jeff Bancroft had 10 tackles on the night and his brother Joey once again rushed for over 120 yards on 25 carries. Bobby Starks and Zac Baker also recorded eight tackles and Tim VanNuck and Zach Dean each had seven. Reagan Schmidt chipped in with five tackles and an interception for his second straight week," Coach Brock said.

"We did have some weaknesses on our offensive line but Matt Larson once again blocked over 90 percent and so did Bobby Feutz. Zach Dean was next highest with 87 percent," Coach Brock said. "We have blocking rules and when we have missed assignments it really affects our team. Hopefully, we can come up with a combination that can make us successful."

"Our team will respond from this defeat. We have too many good senior leaders for us not to. This week we begin our LMC contests and it is our goal to challenge for the top spot that St. Francis has held for a while. The Vikings will definitely be in an upset mood on Friday. I can guarantee it," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings will host Elk Rapids in their Lake Michigan Conference opener on Friday, September 9, at 7 p.m. Grayling's game against Harbor Springs at Viking Stadium on September 16 will be homecoming.




Eli VanNuck evades a Houghton Lake defender after making a catch on Thursday night.

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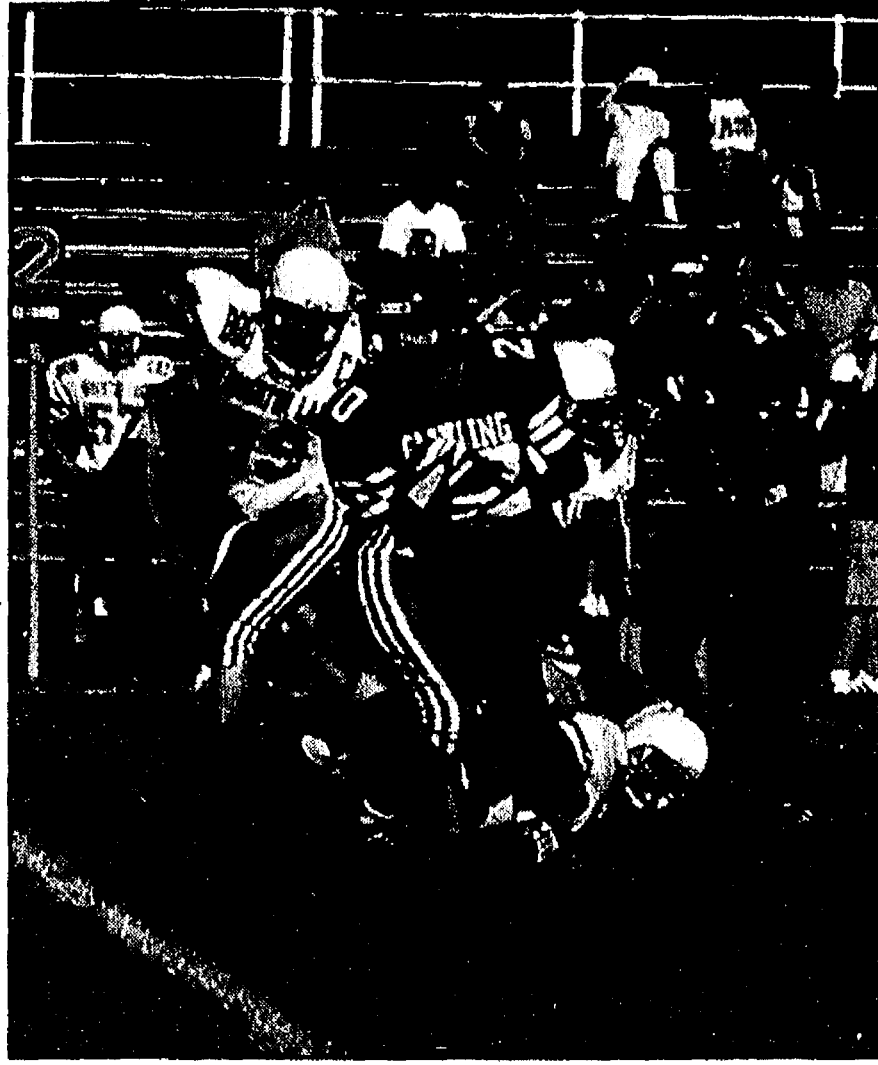
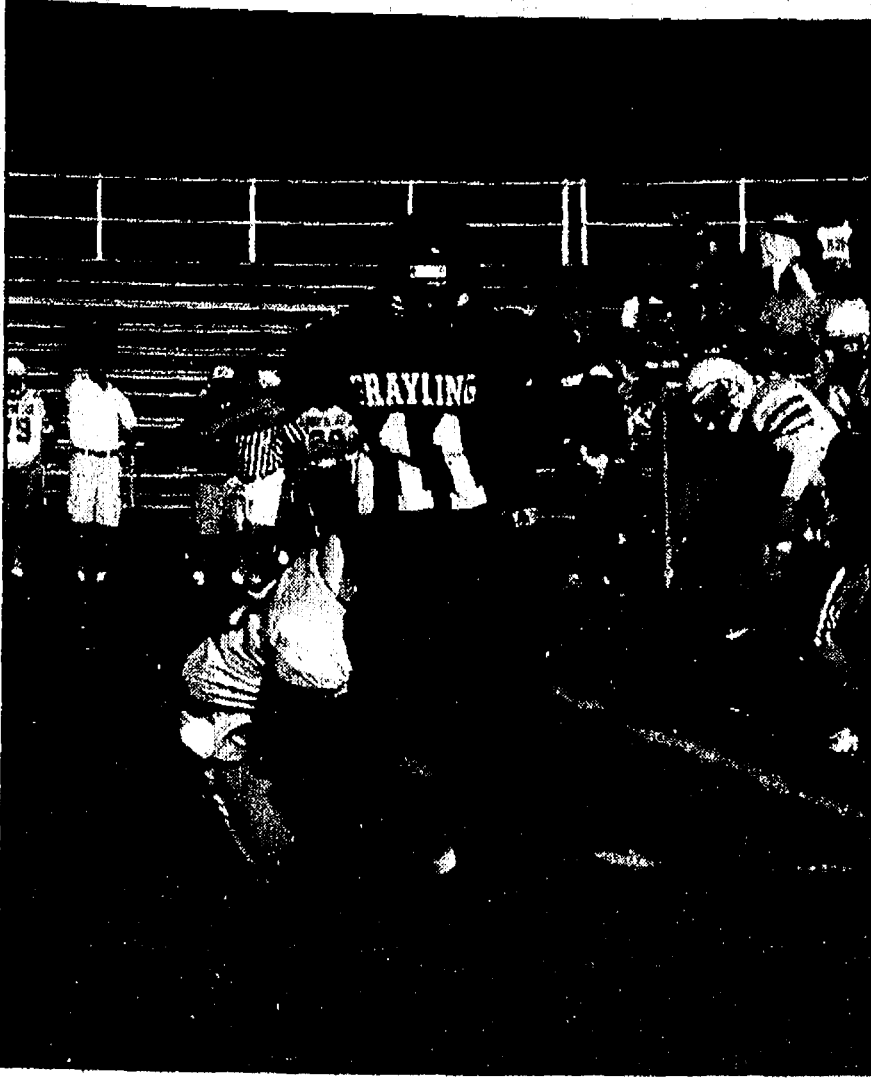
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Geo Bindschatel (left) and Dustin Russo (right) carry the ball for Grayling in last week's junior varsity football game against the Houghton Lake Bobcats.

## JV team's fourth quarter comeback try comes up short

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down. On 4th and 3, Bindschatel ran for five yards to keep the series alive. Cooper ran for eight yards on 1st and goal, bringing up 2nd and goal at the 1-yard line. Jimmy Osga forced the ball into the end zone on a QB sneak to finish the drive. A run by Cooper scored the two-point conversion.

Grayling's line-drive kick-off bounced off a Houghton Lake player back toward the Vikings, and Bindschatel — the kicker — recovered the ball to give GHS possession. The Vikings started with good field position at their own 40, but two penalties stalled the drive and the series ended with a punt.

The Bobcats picked up one first down, but a QB sack by Tim Gerow on 3rd and 5 forced a punt situation. Grayling ran three plays and punted the ball back to Houghton Lake.

The Bobcats started at the 50-yard line. On 3rd and 13, Houghton Lake broke free for a big gain on a short pass to bring up 1st and goal at the 10. On 3rd and goal at the 1-yard line, the Bobcats scored a TD that ended up being negated by a penalty. On 4th and goal from the 6-yard line, Houghton Lake ran the ball into the end zone for a touchdown. With the two-point conversion, the Bobcats trailed 16-14 with 1:42 left in the first half.

Houghton Lake tried an on-side kick, but Dan CdeBaca covered the ball for the Vikings. The Bobcats' defense held and forced a punt.

HL started at Grayling's 48-yard line. A pass play — plus five yards for a face mask penalty — brought up 1st and 10 at the 22.

On 3rd and 5, with five seconds left in the second quarter, Bindschatel intercepted Houghton Lake's pass attempt to bring and end to the half. The Vikings had a 16-14 lead at half-time.

On the second half's opening kick-off, the Vikings fumbled the ball deep in their own end of the field. The Bobcats picked up the loose ball and ran it into the end zone for a touchdown. Matt McDonald sacked the Houghton Lake QB on the two-point conversion attempt. The Bobcats led 20-16 12 seconds into the third quarter.

Houghton Lake's short kick-off resulted in good starting field position for GHS, but the drive went nowhere and the Vikings punted after three plays. The Bobcats fumbled the kick, but HL covered the ball to maintain possession.

On 3rd and 1, Jacob Aubry and McDonald stopped a Bobcat run play for no gain, bringing up 4th and 1. Houghton Lake's punt sailed out of bounds at Grayling's 38.

Grayling punted the ball after three plays. Houghton Lake fumbled the punt again, but the Bobcats recovered it.

On 2nd and 1 from the Houghton Lake 35, the Bobcats scored a touchdown on a 65-yard run. The Vikings stopped the two-point conversion attempt. HL led 26-16.

On 1st and 10 from their own 33, the Vikings gained 12 on a run by Cooper. Two more runs by Cooper picked up another first down and moved Grayling into Houghton Lake's end of the field. Three plays later, on 4th and 7, Grayling went for it but

came up a yard or two short.

The Bobcats took over on downs at their own 38. On 2nd and 11, a pass play gained 44 yards. On 3rd and 5 — the first play of the fourth quarter — Houghton Lake's quarterback scored on a 13-yard touchdown run. Grayling blocked the extra point kick. The Bobcats led 32-16.

The Vikings started at their 37-yard line after the kick return. On 4th and 15, the Bobcats were penalized 15 yards for 12 men on the field, bring up 4th and inches. Grayling went for it. The Vikings handed the ball to Cooper, who broke through the line and got into the open field for a 53-yard touchdown run. Cooper also scored the two-point conversion, pulling Grayling to within eight, 32-24, with 9:54 left in the game.

Houghton Lake started its next drive at the 49-yard line. Two runs picked up a first down. On 3rd and 4, Grayling stripped the ball from the Bobcat runner, forcing a fumble. Josh Stapleton recovered the loose ball for Grayling, giving the Vikings possession at their 27 with about seven minutes remaining.

Three plays into the drive — on 4th and 3 — Osga completed a pass to Bindschatel for a gain of 23 yards. Two runs by Cooper and a pass from Osga to Bindschatel picked up another first down. Three plays later, on 4th and 2, a pitch to Cooper gained just enough for a first down.

A QB sack on 1st and 10 set the drive back 13 yards. A deep pass attempt by Grayling fell incomplete on second down. On 3rd and 23, the Vikings threw deep. A Houghton Lake defender

tipped the ball into the air in the secondary and another Bobcat player intercepted the ball.

The Bobcats killed the final 1:11 and won by a final score of 32-24.

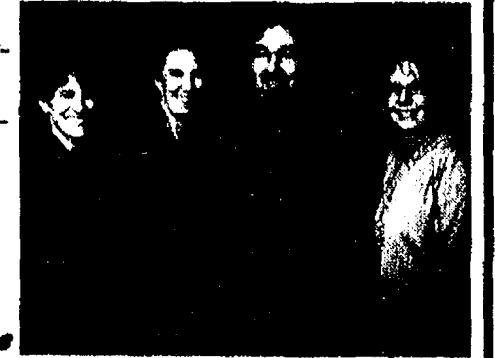
"We gave up too many big plays, including a 65-yard TD run, a fumble recovery returned for a TD, and a long kick return to set up a 23-yard TD pass," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "Our effort was the best we have seen from these kids so far, but we have to work on our tackling. We must continue to improve."

Grayling finished the game with 29 passing yards and 230 rushing yards. HL had 108 yards through the air and 186 yards on the ground.

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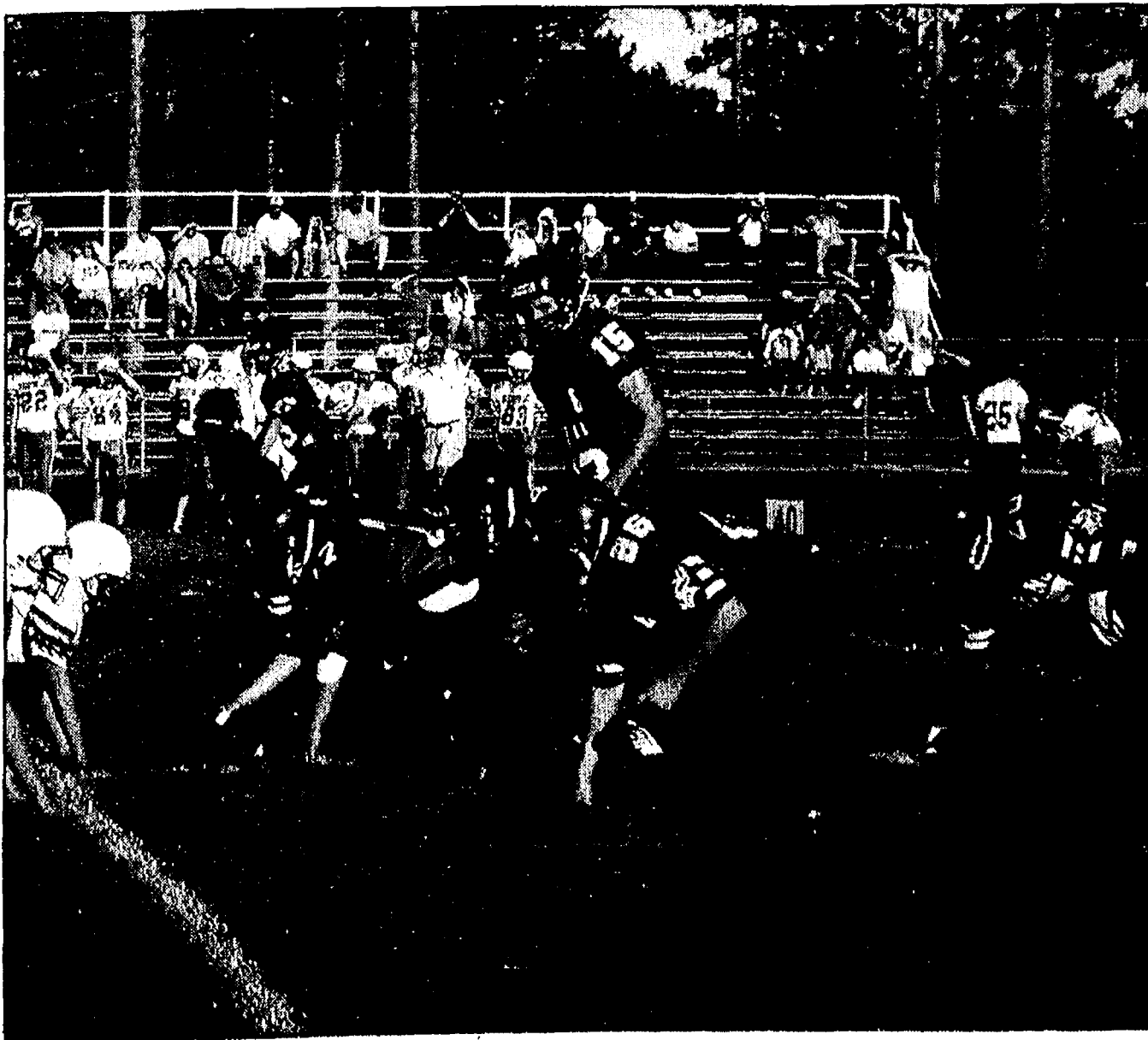
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The JV Vikings get lined up for a play on offense in last Wednesday's game against Houghton Lake.

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## Varsity girls open season with loss to Roscommon

### Grayling makes a run in third quarter, but Bucks finish strong to win 51-41

The GHS varsity girls basketball team opened its 2005 season with a 51-41 loss to the Roscommon Bucks last Monday at Grayling Middle School. The contest was played at the middle school due to floor damage issues at Grayling High School's gymnasium.

The Bucks led 12-6 after a low-scoring first quarter. Roscommon had a four-point

advantage at halftime.

Grayling made a run in the middle of the third period, and at one point led 25-24, but the Bucks finished the quarter with a 7-0 run. Roscommon outscored the Vikings 20-16 in the final period to win the game by 10, 51-41.

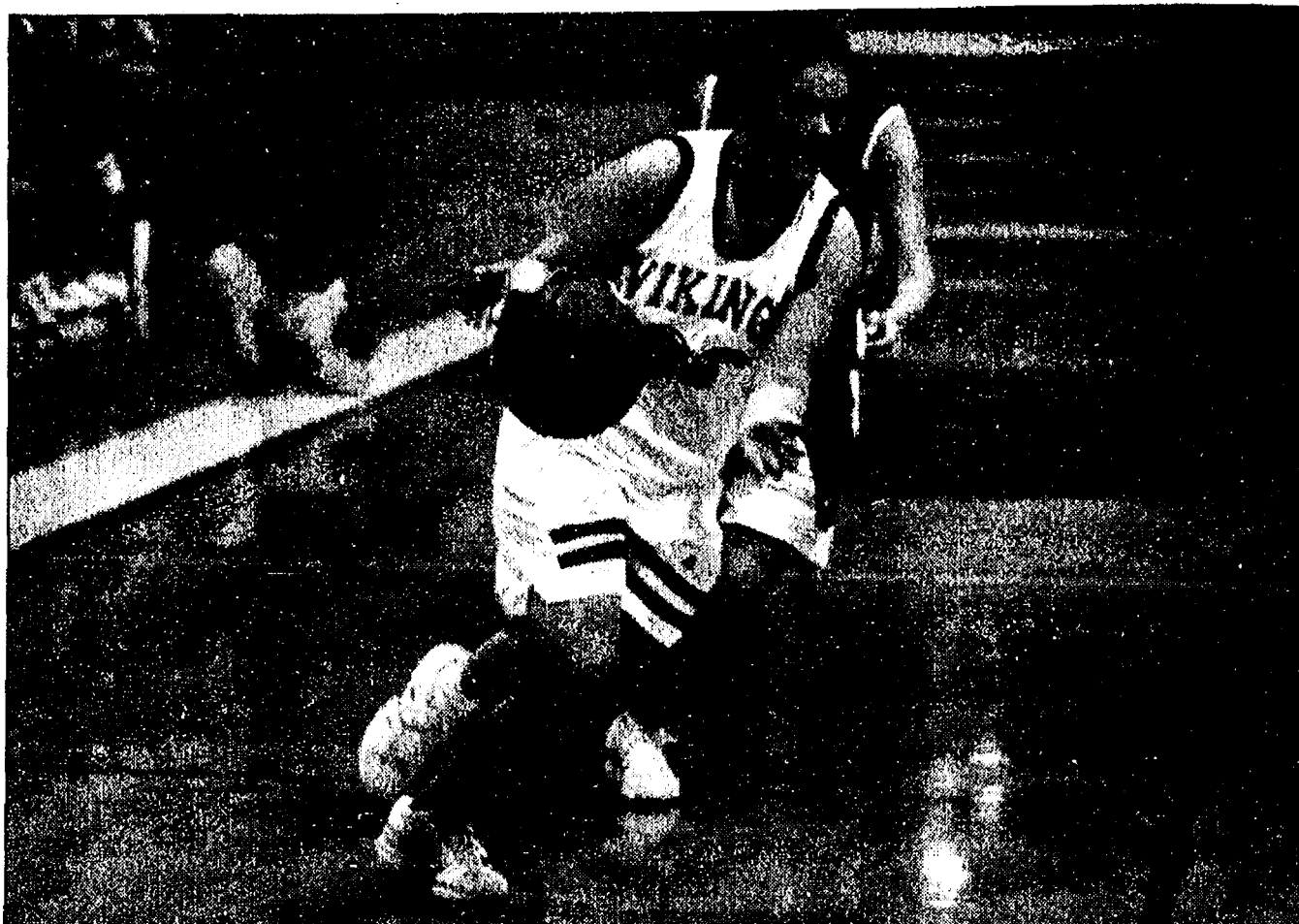
For GHS, Trisha Petersen had 13 points, 2 assists, and 5 steals; Katie Baynham had 10 points and 10 steals; Laura Boylan had 6 points, 9 rebounds, and 1 steal; and Michelle McGuire had 9 points, 2 assists, and 5 steals.

"I liked our defensive effort

tonight, but our offense was shaky at best," Coach L.J. Mead said. "We need to look to push the ball up the court and move better in our set offenses."

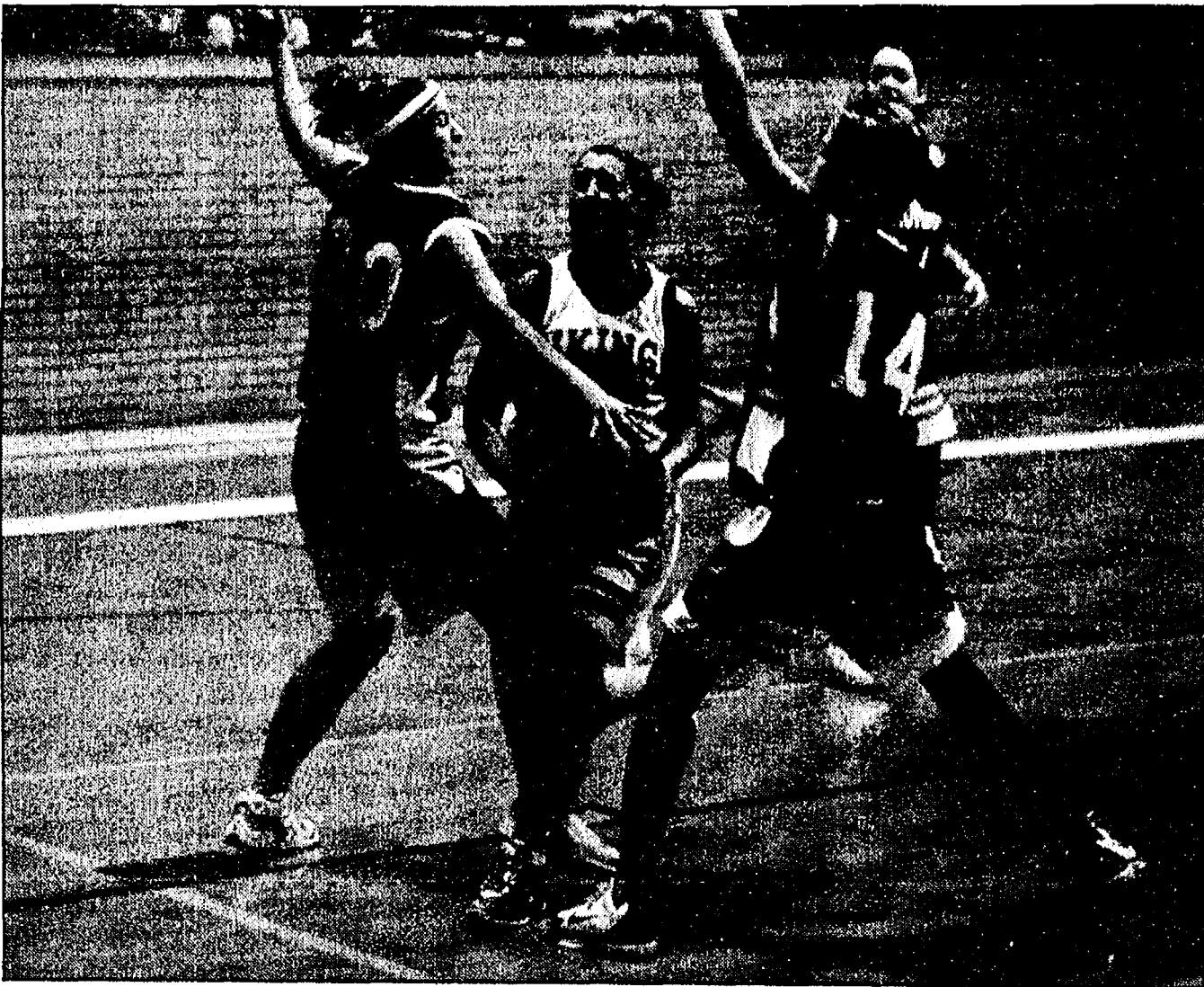
"The difference in the game was free throws. We shot 11 for 30 - 37 percent - while Roscommon shot 22 for 29 - 76 percent. Our girls cannot continue to commit that amount of fouls. We need to position ourselves better, communicate, and help each other on both ends of the court," Coach Mead said.

The Vikings play at Harrison on Thursday, September 8.

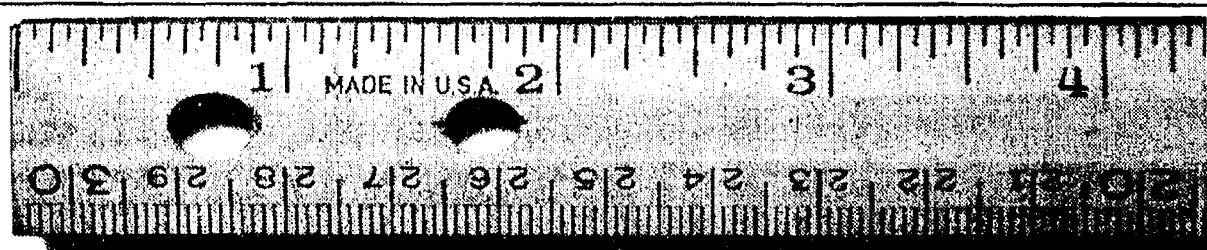


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Ashley Bindschatel handles the ball for Grayling on Monday night.



Michelle McGuire drives to the basket for Grayling against Roscommon.



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Laura Boylan takes an inside shot for GHS.

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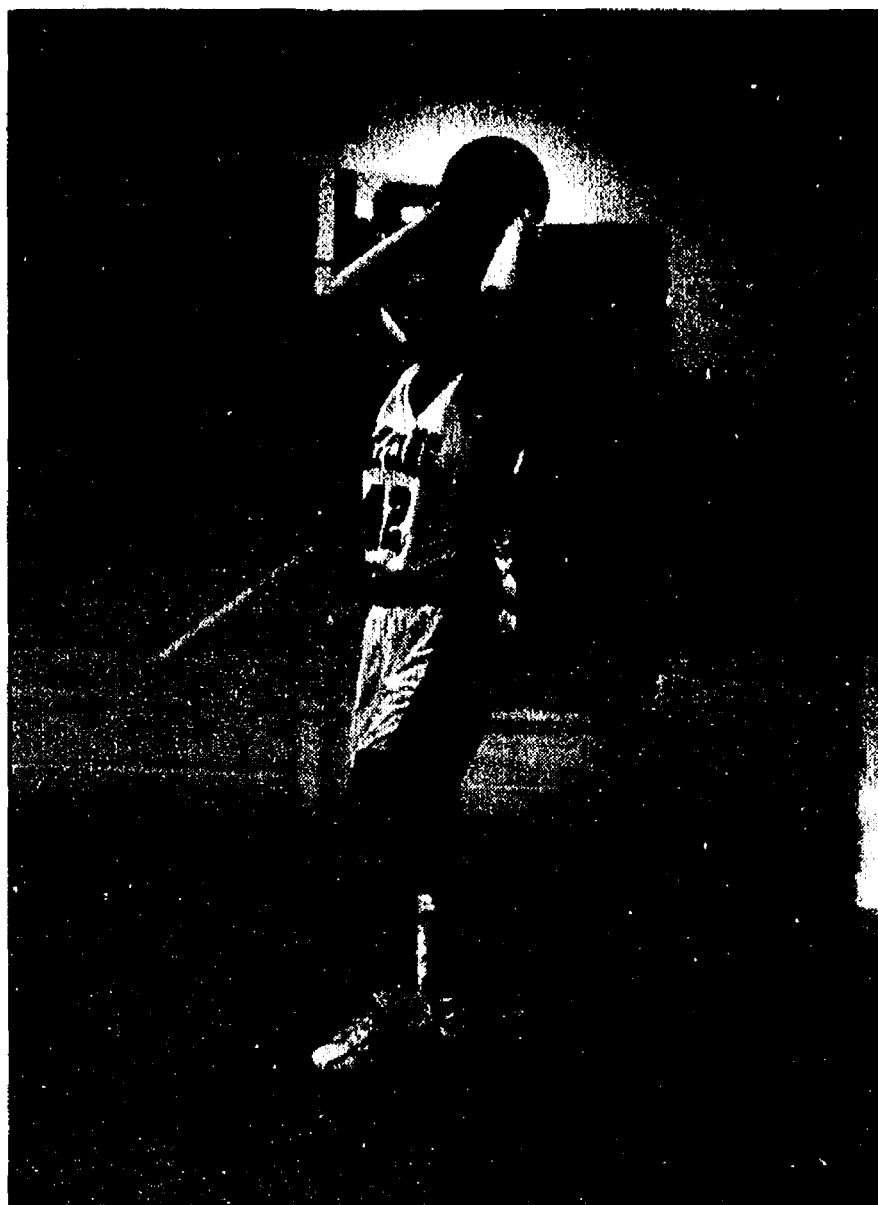
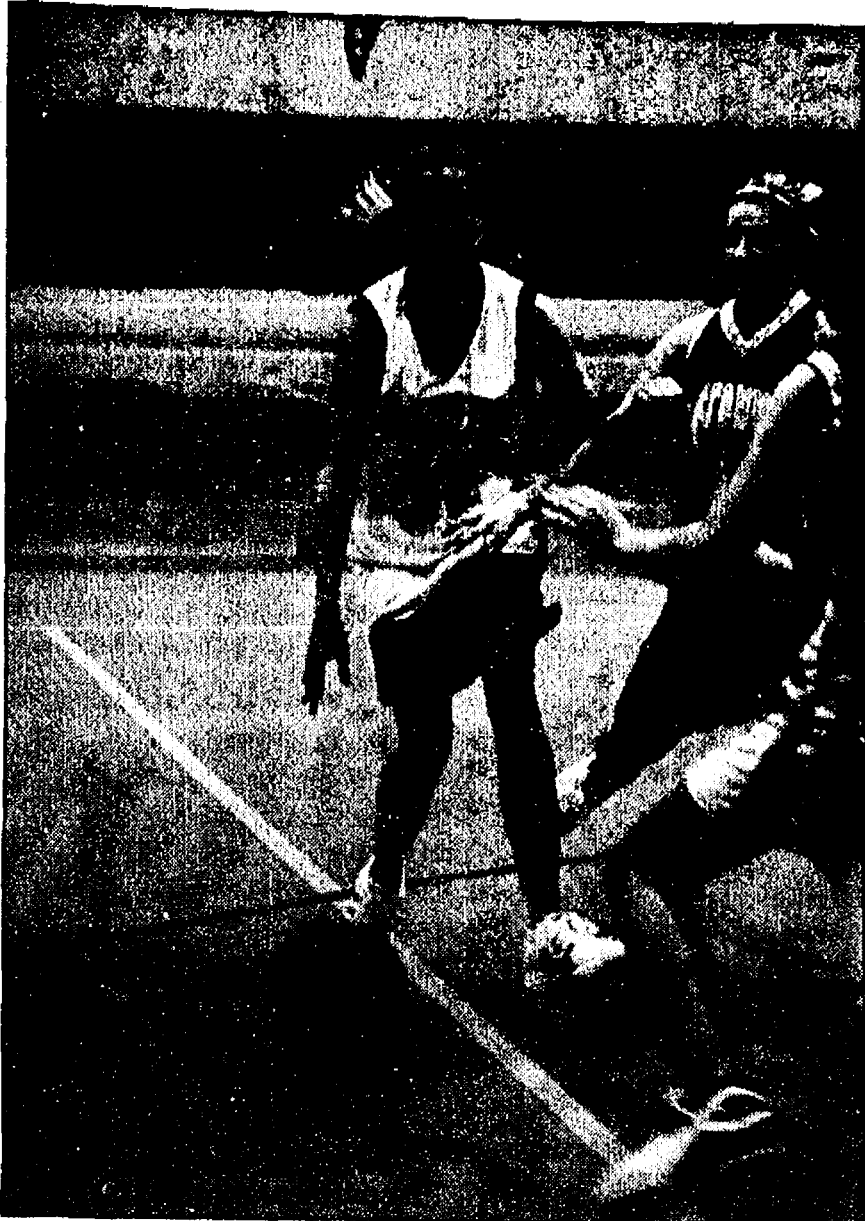
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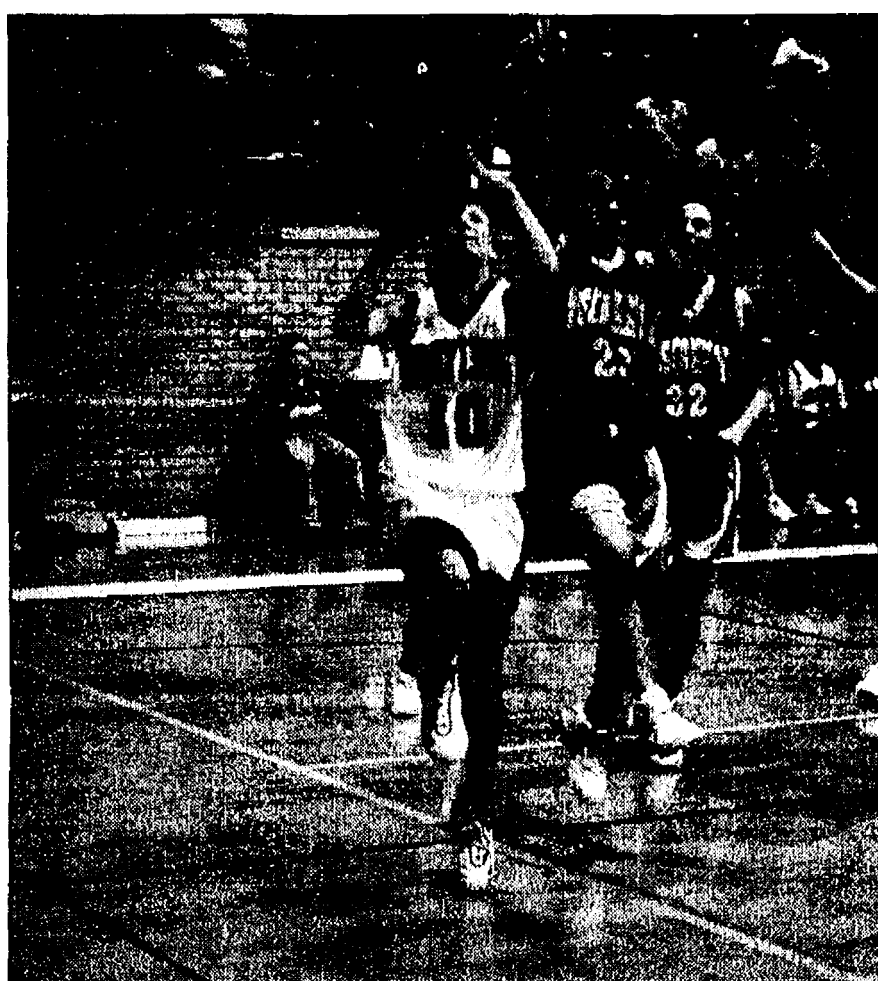
# Bucks edge Vikings in JV, freshman girls basketball openers



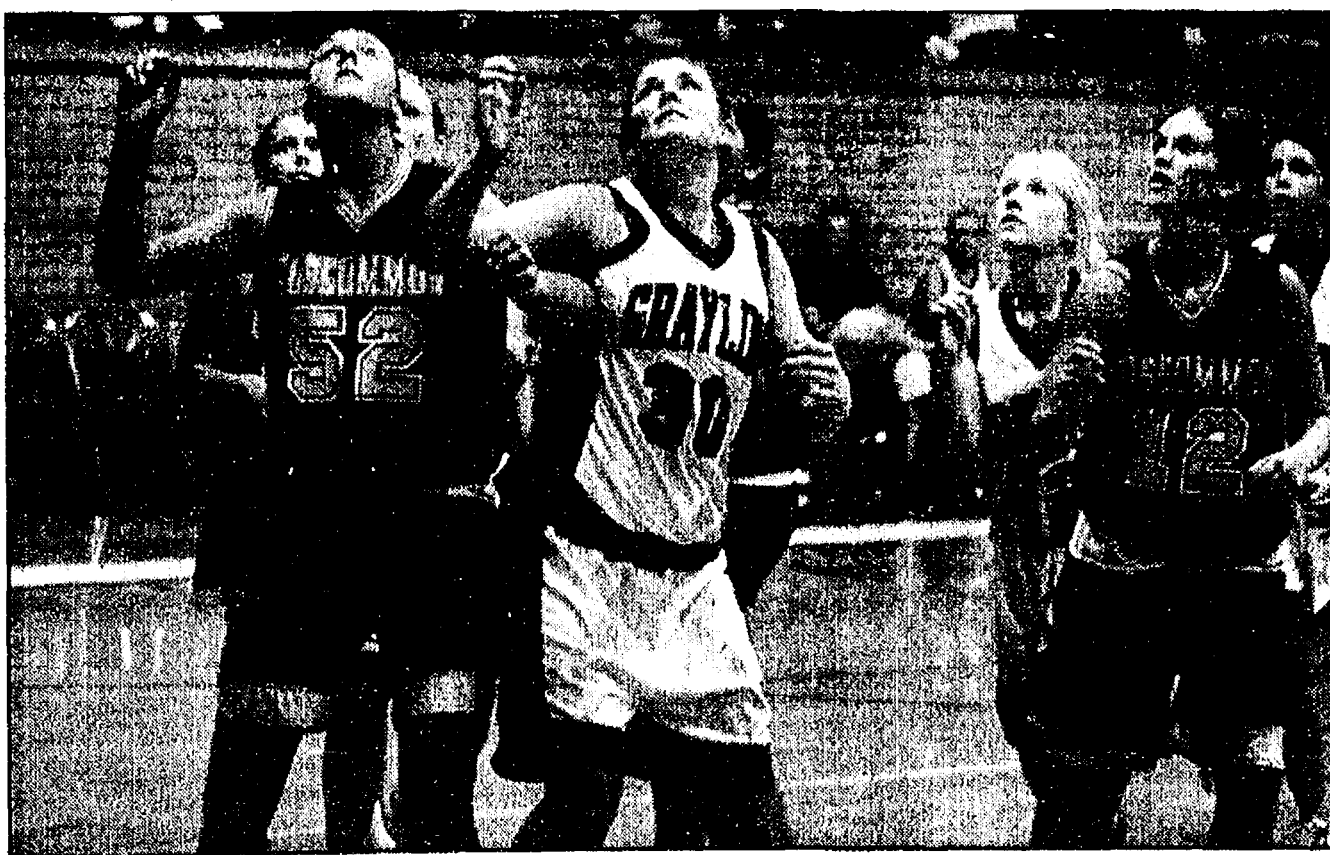
(Left) Gabby Calkins dribbles the ball for the JV team in last Monday's season opener vs. Roscommon. (Right) Audrey Alimenti looks for an open teammate on Monday night. Roscommon won the JV game 48-40.



Jessica Bindschatel boxes out a Roscommon player in Grayling's freshman girls basketball opener on Monday. The Bucks won the contest 26-22.



Rachel Doremire shoots a lay-up for Grayling High School's JV team on Monday.



Hannah Smith fights for position in the paint in Monday night's freshman game.



Samantha Schreiber, a freshman, drives to the basket for the Vikings.

### Heads Up North

#### Vikings of the Week

Eli VanNuck

J.C. Schneider

**Varsity Football**  
Coach: Ben Brock

**ELI VANNUCK & J.C. SCHNEIDER**

Eli, a senior, had 8 tackles and 1 interception on defense and 4 catches for 70 yards and a TD on offense on Thursday. He is coming off a junior campaign where he had 700 receiving yards and 10 touchdowns. J.C. had 7 tackles and 2 sacks on defense and 55 rushing yards on 4 carries on offense. "He has decided to give everything that he has to our football program. J.C. is a quality individual and a terror on the field," his coach said.

### Great Lakes Mortgage

#### Viking of the Week

KATIE BAYNHAM

**Girls Basketball**  
Coach: L.J. Mead

Katie was selected for her strong defensive effort vs. Roscommon on Monday. She finished the game with 10 points and 10 steals.

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## LEGAL ACTION

### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Board Meeting of August 10, 2005

Members Present: Dennis Long, Shawn Kraycs, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Virginia Clyma Lyons, Alan Scott Hubbard, Shelley Jane Hubbard, Jack and Aggie Trudgeon, Marshall Damoth, Margie Damoth, Sharon Hall, Thomas Hall, Gail and Marshall Roe, Wayne A. Nelson, Jim Elliot, Marie Rohde, Ron Herron, Tom Hunt, Brock Prater.

Supervisor Wright called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to approve minutes of July 13, 2005 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report for July was distributed and placed on file.

3. Correspondence: (No action required) Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch; June, Chamber News of July, Recycling Report; July, Building Dept. Report; July, Fire Dept. Report; July.

4. Citizens Who Wish To Speak: Tom Hunt, property owner Maybelle Ave., distributed surveys of Beech Terrace public road end. Mr. Hunt opposes the civil court petition by property owners on the north side of the road end (Blk. 13, P.L.P. 6th Add.) to vacate the north 25 ft. of the 50 ft. wide road. The south half is rendered useless as a public access due to the presence of a drainage ditch which takes up 12-13 feet. Mr. Hunt stated he believes closing the road would set a precedent and start a landslide of frontage owners wanting to close other public accesses and assume ownership.

Paul VanMill: Also opposed to abandonment of Beech Terrace.

T. Wright: Grayling Township has taken a stand in court against the closing of any public access at Lake Margrethe.

5. Subsequent to the filing of a petition containing more than 51% of signatures of property owners of frontage on Margrethe Boulevard and a public hearing of necessity regarding the creation of a special assessment district to re-pave Margrethe Boulevard, the following motion was offered. Motion by Long, second by Kraycs, to approve creation of a Special Assessment District for the Repaving of Margrethe Boulevard and authorize the Supervisor to draft the Tentative Special Assessment Roll to be reviewed at public hearing to be held

September 14, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Ayes: five, Nays: none, Absent: none. Motion carried.

6. Supervisor: Proposed to begin a nominal charge for the use of the conference room. This is only to cover heating, cooling, electrical, supply and maintenance costs. The charge would be \$10.00 per group per day. It was suggested by Long that the actual daily turn key cost be determined from previous year's actual cost and brought back to Board. (The room is assigned to non-profit organizations only.)

7. Consensus of Board that Supervisor schedule Annual Planning/Strategy Session in October.

8. Discussion regarding Michigan Compiled Law 32.224a: Camp Grayling; authority of military board as to highways leading to reservation. Research if there is a written agreement between Grayling Township and the Military Board regarding roads leading to and through the military reservation.

9. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to allow Kraycs to abstain from discussion regarding Northerly Boulevard Public Access due to a possible conflict of interest. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Abstain: one. Discussion regarding MDEQ Permits for replacement and placement of seawalls by riparian owners of frontage on either side of Northerly Boulevard and the possibility of the encroachment of these seawalls into the public right-of-way. Motion by Long, second by O'Mara, to determine the property descriptions involved in the seawall permits issued by the MDEQ at Northerly Boulevard and if it is determined an encroachment is imminent on the public road-end the MDEQ is to be notified and a cease and desist action initiated. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Abstain: one. Motion carried.

10. Motion by O'Mara, second by Kraycs, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 3548, 3562-3628, Guardian Dental \$614.46, Bd. & Comm. fees for July \$420.00, Liquor Inspections \$120.00, Fire Dept. Loan Pmt. \$11,040.71, Greenway Landscaping storm damage cleanup & repair \$2,675.00 for a grand total of \$68,862.03 Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

11. Motion to adjourn by O'Mara, carried. All ayes.

Monica Ashton  
Grayling Township Clerk

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the con-

ditions of a Judgment of Foreclosure of a certain mortgage made on November 1, 2003, wherein Brian A. Shepherd and Colleen Shepherd, husband and wife, are the Mortgagors and RBR, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, is the Mortgagee.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, October 19, 2005 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the entrance to the Crawford County Courthouse, in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place established by said Judgment for holding the foreclosure sale, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public auction, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Judgment of Foreclosure, together with allowable costs of the sale, the land and premises in said Judgment of Foreclosure mentioned and described as follows:

Lot 49, AuSable Woods #3, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 9, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period from this sale shall expire six (6) months after the date of sale.

Dated: August 23, 2005  
BENAWAY & PAGELS, P.C.  
James F. Pagels (P32242)  
502 East Main Street, P.O. Box 126  
Gaylord, Michigan 49734  
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### Foreclosure Sale

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marlin J. Friske, unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to The Huntington National Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 15, 2004, and recorded on November 23, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 642, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Nineteen Thousand Thirty-Nine And 61/100 Dollars (\$19,039.61), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 5, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Block 3, Karen Woods Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page(s) 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from

the date of such sale.

Dated: September 1, 2005  
For more information, please call:  
FC F 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For The Huntington National Bank  
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200  
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #065185F01

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### Foreclosure Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timberview Village, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, to First National Bank of Michigan, mortgagee, dated March 25, 1997 and recorded April 1, 1997 in Liber 427, Page 325, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by US Bank National Association as Trustee for the CSFB Trust 2004-CF2 by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine and 45/100 Dollars (\$126,789.45) including interest at the rate of 10.95% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on September 21, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 lying East of US-HWY 27, except the North 982.71 feet thereof, Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West. Also the West 328 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, except the North 982.71 feet thereof Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: August 18, 2005 ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for US Bank National Association as Trustee for the CSFB Trust 2004-CF2, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 269.1019 ASAP717019 08/18, 08/25, 09/01, 09/08

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Dated: September 8, 2005  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karen A. Navarre, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated November 27, 2002, and recorded on December 4, 2002 in Liber 610 on Page 393, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two And 27/100 Dollars (\$130,882.27), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on October 12, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the South 202 feet of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 6, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, lying East of the Middle Thread of the Main Stream of the Manistee River, except the South 74.8 feet thereof, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 8, 2005  
For more information, please call:  
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### STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT SALE 200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738 989-348-2841

Case No. 02-5764-CH

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 11th day of March, A.D., 2004, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOAN as Servicer, on behalf of WELLS FARGO MINNESOTA, N.A., as Trustee for the DELTA FUNDING HEL TRUST, was the Plaintiff, and CHRISTOPHER S. DUNCKLEY, and LEE ANN DUNCKLEY, were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall

sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for Crawford County is held), on the 14th day of SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2005 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Local Time, the following described property, To-Wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, described as follows:

Beginning at the SE Corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 7, T26N, R2W; thence 14 rods West to the Point of Beginning; thence West 6 rods; thence North 80 rods; thence East 6 rods; thence South 80 rods to the Point of the Beginning.

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By: Richard J. Klamka, P62145  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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### FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Robert L. Butler, a single man to First National Bank of Gaylord, dated October 20, 1999 and recorded November 1, 1999 in Liber 494 Page 247 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned through mesne assignments to SN Commercial, LLC, an Alaska Limited Liability Company, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars and Eight Cents (\$60,720.88) including interest at 8.9% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM, on Wednesday, October 12, 2005. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 25 and 26, inclusive block 3, Portage Lake Park 5th addition, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 24, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 1020 Walnut Plaisance, Grayling MI 49738. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: SEPTEMBER 2, 2005 SN Commercial, LLC, an Alaska Limited Liability Company, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Over File No: 05-37420 ASAP72061 09/08 09/15, 09/22, 09/29

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: [www.crawfordco.org](http://www.crawfordco.org) eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
October 11, 2002

### GRAYLING TWP. ZBA TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, September 19, 2005, at 7 p.m., at the Grayling Town Hall to consider the following request:

|            |                                                                                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Case No.   | 05-011                                                                                |
| Petitioner | Mark Scott<br>3021 Poplar St.<br>Grayling, MI 49738<br>Prop. ID# 040-45-300-05-015-00 |
| Zoning     | R-2, General Residential                                                              |

Zoning Request - Request to construct a 12-foot by 28-foot attached storage, lean-to, 4-feet from the lot line, a variance of six-feet in the R-2 district.

Text of zoning requests and zoning maps are available for review at the Grayling Township Hall, located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, during normal business hours.

Persons wishing to, may comment in person at the hearing, or send a signed statement to: Terry Wright, Zoning Administrator; P.O. Box 521; Grayling, MI 49738.

### NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP

There will be a special meeting of the Lovells Township Board of Appeals on Tuesday, September 13, at 4:30 p.m., to discuss a variance request as submitted by Mr. Louis Dorch.

Address any questions or concerns to the Lovells Township Zoning Administrator at 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, Michigan 49378. Phone 989-348-9215.

Terri Cusick  
Lovells Township Zoning Board of Appeals

### GRAYLING TOWNSHIP TO HOLD GYPSY MOTH SEMINAR

On Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Michael Corneli, the Michigan Gypsy Moth Program Manager will be in the Grayling Township Board Room to discuss the gypsy moth problems in Grayling Township.

Mr. Corneli will provide information on how to identify gypsy moths, their egg masses and the best methods of eradicating them from your yard and from larger areas.

A concluding discussion will focus on the need to establish a township-wide gypsy moth eradication program and, if necessary, how that can be best achieved.

This seminar is open to the public and free of charge. Please register your name as an attendee by calling Grayling Township at 348-4361.

### NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP

A Public Hearing will be held at the Lovells Township Hall on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of determining the special assessment for fiscal year 2006-2007 for operation of the Fire Department.

Cheryl Hopp  
Lovells Township Clerk

### POSITION OPENING CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for an open position with the Crawford County Library Board. Members of this board set policy and procedures for Boards Governance and general operation within the local library. Applicants must be 18 years of age, a Crawford County resident, have familiarity with parliamentary rules and procedures and the general knowledge of library functions within Crawford County. The deadline to submit applications is Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. Applications may be sought from and returned to Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore  
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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# FEATURES

## A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



September 10, 1959 - Pictured above are the four winners in the Summer Reading Club which ended July 31st with 22 members finishing their required reading. From left to right in the above photo are: Nancy Knibbs, Gail Hunter, Candace Henig and Marilyn Joseph. The first four prize winners were awarded "Shirley Temple Story Books."

### 23 Years Ago

September 9, 1982

Consumers Power customers in Grayling lost electrical power for more than five hours Thursday after a truck knocked down a main line on Four Mile Road. A wood truck driver from Alpena, after unloading at AJD Wood Products, apparently left the boom up on the truck and the boom caught a 46,000 volt line across Four Mile Road. The big line stretched and snapped five cross-arms off power line poles before finally breaking.

The first sustained production at Weyerhaeuser's new Structurwood mill in Grayling occurred this week. Tony Moore, General manager, credited the coordinated efforts and dedication of both mill personnel and all those who have provided project support for the successful start-up.

The Grayling Vikings will abandon their ship this Friday and take to the air. The GHS varsity football team opens its season at Roscommon on Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and head coach Bill Klinger says the

Vikings will take to the air more this year. "We have a fine group of receivers and two quarterbacks who throw fairly well," Klinger said.

46 Years Ago  
September 9, 1959

Ralph Sawyer and Jerry Wagner of Oscoda, winners of the 1957 Michigan Canoe Marathon came back last weekend to capture the thirteenth running of the 240 mile long river run. Starting in ninth position, the former champions worked their way to the front in short order and continued to hold the lead all the way. Low water below the dams forced them at many points to jump out of their craft and pull it over the exposed sandbanks. The fact that water was not being allowed out of the dams is believed to be the reason for the comparatively slow time of 16 hours and 58 minutes.

Theodore Visnaw of 103 Vilas St., was one of those who walked the Mackinac Bridge for the second time on Labor Day, as a member of the International Walkers' Association of the America, Inc. Mr. Visnaw made the trip in one hour and six minutes.

69 Years Ago  
September 10, 1936

Mr. George B. Schley, patent attorney, gave a most interesting talk on patents,

copyrights and trade marks at the Kiwanis meeting Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Schley reside in Indianapolis, Ind., and have a summer home at Lake Margrethe, where they spend as much of their summer leisure as possible. In his address the speaker told of the origin of patents dating original "letters patent" and the evolution that followed to the present time.

Some forty friends of Dr. and Mrs. C.R. Keyport gathered at the Wolff farm Sunday evening to make their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary a happy occasion.

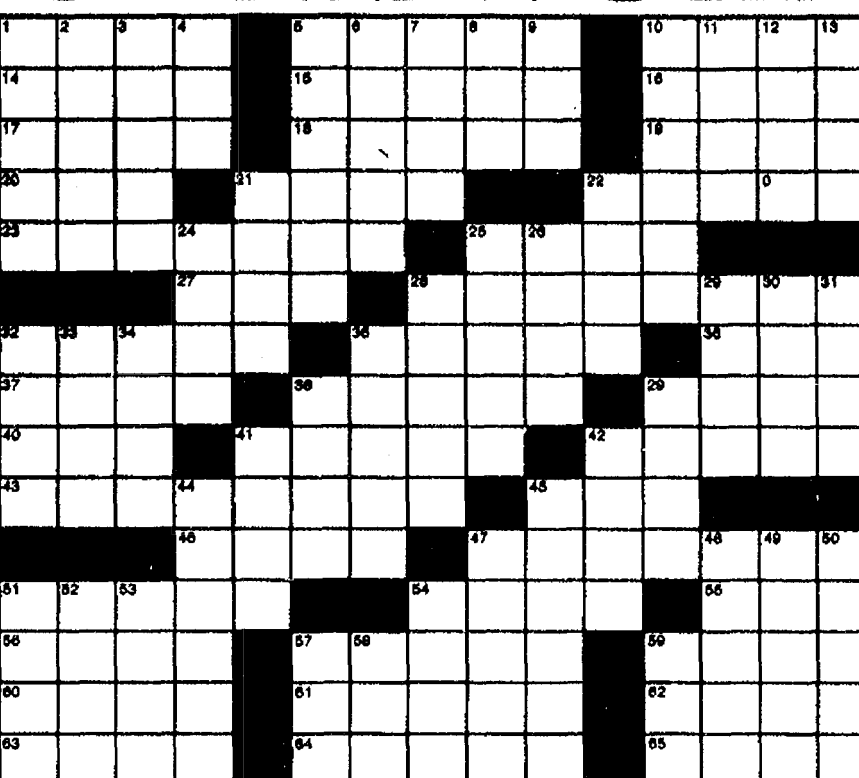
92 Years Ago  
September 11, 1913

The little Hanson twins, Ella and Margrethe, celebrated their birthday Monday, September 8th, by entertaining a few of their little friends at their home on Peninsular Ave.

Last Monday, September 8th, Sister Mary Leo, Superior of Mercy Hospital of this city, celebrated in a quiet manner her silver jubilee of entering the Order of Sisters of Mercy. High Mass was celebrated in the hospital chapel by the chaplain, the Rev. John J. Reiss.

Miss Augusta Kraus has signed a contract to teach at Stephan's Bridge near here.

## CROSSWORD



**Across**  
1. Butter containers.  
5. Shrewd.  
10. Walking stick.  
14. Isaac and Rebekah's son.  
15. Tell a story.  
16. Winglike.  
17. Brownish purple.  
18. Started.  
19. Death of.  
20. Irritate.  
21. Possesses.  
22. Fabric fold.  
23. Labored breathing.  
25. Fencing sword.  
27. Priest's linen vestment.  
28. Leave to live in another country.  
32. Womb.  
35. Becomes flat.  
36. Marry.  
37. Principal line of development.  
38. Warning.  
39. Conduct or escort.  
40. Noley clamor.  
41. Frightening.  
42. Gadget.  
43. Infinite time.  
45. Poetic "even."  
46. Conceal.  
47. Rapturous delight.  
51. Meek person.  
54. Monetary unit of Thailand.  
55. Contend for superiority.  
56. Role.  
57. Muse of love poetry.  
59. Tale.  
60. In addition.  
61. Jumble.  
62. Strives.  
63. Poetic "never."  
64. Use up.  
65. Plot of ground.

**Down**  
1. Lukewarm.  
2. Exorbitant rate of interest.  
3. Supports.  
4. Woo or court.  
5. Insidious snare.  
6. Central stage.  
7. Jokes.  
8. 7th letter of the Greek alphabet.  
9. Monetary unit of Japan.  
10. Square dancer director.  
11. Sunburn treatment.  
12. U.S. space agency.  
13. Formerly.  
21. Solely.  
22. Wooden pins.  
24. Buddies.  
25. Abrasive mineral.  
26. Unit of liquid measure.  
28. Completely.  
29. Inspires with reverence.  
30. Family of young animals.  
31. Edible taro root.  
32. Ordered.  
33. Leave.  
34. Furrow or wrinkle.  
35. Make happy.  
38. Sharp; sour.  
39. Thread bits.  
41. Cut with swift strokes.  
42. Dead or exploit.  
44. Orator.  
45. Repeated.  
47. Was consumed.  
48. Be of use.  
49. 18th letter of the Greek alphabet.  
50. Foam; froth.  
51. Limited space of time.  
52. Robust.  
53. Of Gaelic.  
54. Group of turtles.  
57. Printer's measures.  
58. Transversely corded fabric.  
59. Energy; vitality.

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Breakfast Fritata

3/4 cup cholesterol-free egg product  
3/4 cup fat free milk  
1 Tbsp. vegetable oil  
1/2 cup chopped onion  
1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
2 cups cubed cooked red potatoes

1 pkg. (8 oz.) frozen Meatless Breakfast Patties, chopped  
1 Tbsp. chopped fresh rosemary  
1/4 tsp. black pepper  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 cup Shredded Reduced Fat Mozzarella Cheese

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Beat egg product and milk with wire whisk until well blended; set aside. HEAT oil in 10-inch ovenproof skillet on medium-high heat. Add onions and green peppers; cook 2 min., stirring occasionally. Add potatoes, chopped patties and seasonings; stir. Cook 3 min., stirring occasionally. Remove from heat; sprinkle with cheese. Add egg product mixture. BAKE 45 min. or until center is set.

## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## ADOPT-A-PET



Hunny is a black/white shorthair, about a year old and very playful. She is a spunky girl, yet very loving, and gets along with other cats. Hunny is spayed and is up to date on her shots. She needs a home!

For information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: [www.asc.petfinder.com](http://www.asc.petfinder.com)

Grant funds for low cost spaying and neutering have been depleted and we have applied for more. It will be announced soon, whether more funds will be awarded and our very successful program can continue.

Dog Opoly and other games (\$25) are on sale at The Copy Shop. All proceeds go to the shelter.

The 2006 Pet and Dog Calendars are now on sale at the Avalanche, The Copy Shop and the shelter. Cost: A donation of \$5 for each, all proceeds go to the shelter.

Donations can be made by sending a check or money order to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:**  
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling  
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall  
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

| Last Week |    |    |      | Extended Forecast |              |          |         |               |                   |
|-----------|----|----|------|-------------------|--------------|----------|---------|---------------|-------------------|
| Date      | H  | L  | Rain | Thursday          | Friday       | Saturday | Sunday  | Monday        | Tuesday           |
| 8/31      | 76 | 51 | 0    | High 73           | High 73      | High 76  | High 83 | High 76       | High 76           |
| 9/1       | 77 | 49 | 0    | Low 51            | Low 50       | Low 58   | Low 56  | Low 49        | Low 52            |
| 9/2       | 78 | 49 | 0.01 | Partly Cloudy     | Mostly Sunny | Sunny    | Sunny   | Partly Cloudy | Scattered Showers |
| 9/3       | 70 | 53 | 0    |                   |              |          |         |               |                   |
| 9/4       | 73 | 44 | 0    |                   |              |          |         |               |                   |
| 9/5       | 76 | 44 | 0    |                   |              |          |         |               |                   |
| 9/6       | 80 | 44 | 0    |                   |              |          |         |               |                   |

### Find the Twins

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

### DID YOU KNOW ??

Employees of Ben & Jerry's get three pints of free ice cream a day. Every year the company holds a free cone day, giving away 1 million ice cream cones.

### Connect the dots

## HOROSCOPE

For the Week of September 8, 2005

**CAPRICORN**  
December 22 - January 19  
Boy oh boy, Capricorn, are you in for it. A storm is brewing at home and you're going to be pulled into the middle of it. Do what you can to patch things up.

**ARIES**  
March 21 - April 19  
A shortage of time causes a home improvement project to pan. Take the bull by the horns and hire someone to do it for you. The extra money will be worth it.

**CANCER**  
June 22 - July 22  
Lost in another world, Cancer? Snap out of it before your boss notices. A friend makes a crass remark. Don't let it get to you. You're not the problem.

**LIRA**  
September 23 - October 22  
A loss of income puts a damper on your travel plans. With some creative thinking, you can get around it. A friend suffers a setback. Be there for them.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20 - February 18  
You finally have some downtime, Aquarius. Make the most of it. Travel plans run amuck. Do what it takes to get back on track. You need some time away.

**TAURUS**  
April 20 - May 20  
A project falls apart at the office. Only you can pick up the pieces. Your work will not go unnoticed. Magical moments make the weekend special.

**LEO**  
July 23 - August 22  
You must strike while the iron is hot, Leo. You're brimming with confidence. Use it to present a plan that's been lying on your desk for months.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23 - November 21  
Passion fades. Reignite it with an evening out. Go someplace special, pull out all the stops and make it an affair to remember. An office drama finally plays out.

**PISCES**  
January 19 - February 18  
A golden opportunity falls into your lap. Seize it and hold on tight. Old letters remind you of the importance of family. Make sure yours knows how much you care.

**GEMINI**  
May 21 - June 21  
Feeling cursed, Gemini? Don't worry. Better days lie ahead. A mishap at home turns out to be a blessing in disguise. Vow to be more careful and don't let it happen again.

**VIRGO**  
August 23 - September 22  
A mission at work is accomplished. Celebrate with some time off. Promises fall short. Don't let it get to you. Be thankful for what you do have.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22 - December 21  
Prepare yourself, Sagittarius, for a wild ride. You get caught up into a scandal with little room to maneuver. Do what you have to and scream.



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## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties** www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99t/1)

**HOUSE FOR SALE**- Custom built 3 bedroom ranch. Jones Lake Road. \$149,500. Shown by appointment only. 989-344-1904. (6/2/05t/1)

**AUSABLE RIVER 200 ft.** plus 5 acres & lovely 3 bedroom home, \$154,000. MLS #234956. Call Cindy, Coldwell Banker Schmidt 989-732-4569. Cell: 989-350-5520. (6/16/05t/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**VERY CLEAN**, Well maintained 2 bedroom mobile with both living room and family room. Fully furnished, including dishes and sheets. Bring your groceries and move in. Ideal for first-time home buyers or recreational retreat. Adjoins state land and close to Blue Lake \$41,000 MLS #235910 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-8/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**10 WOODED ACRES**- borders state land, near Fox Run Golf Course, \$900 down. 231-544-8195 (-25-1-8-15/1)

**FULL OF POTENTIAL** This large home is the ideal corporate retreat or residence for those seeking space. This 6 bedroom, 4 bath home is nestled in 20 acres of beautiful hardwoods. With some finishing touches, you could own this one of a kind. Priced below Value. \$299,000 MLS #235554 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-8/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**SPACIOUS 1800 SQ. FT.** home for sale. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living room, family room, laundry room. All newly remodeled on 902 Lake Street, Grayling. 989-821-4480 Asking \$115,000. (-8-15/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**GREAT LOCATION** and within walking distance of Lake Margrethe. \$83,000 MLS #231561 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-8/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**FOR SALE BY OWNER** 3 to 5 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home. Completely gutted and remodeled in 2002. Lake Margrethe access, State land and snowmobile trails in back yard. Motivated seller. Call (989) 619-9463 to schedule a showing or for more information. \$115,000 (-8-15/1)

**COZY 3 BEDROOM**, 2 bath home that would make a great starter home. Excellent location, only minutes from downtown Grayling. 2 car garage, nice patio off kitchen. Beautiful trees. \$77,000 MLS # 235511 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-8/1)

**1,400 SQ. FT. RANCH**, 2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, partial basement with guest room, 4 acres. \$139,000 231-384-1371 (-18-25-1-8/1)

**1995 14X70** Three bedroom mobile home with lot. Located in Grayling Mobile Estates. 218 Crestwood. Natural gas and cable TV available. Good condition. Great for rental or starter home. Asking \$34,900 or best offer. Will accept land contract with good, verifiable credit. Shown by appointment only. Contact Ron at 989-348-6761, days. 989-344-2053, nights and weekends. (09/08/05t/1)

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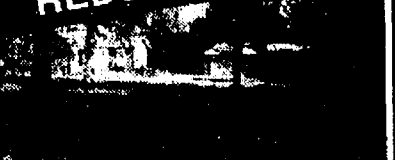
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### NEW LISTING



Four bedrooms and two 1/2 bathrooms on the Manistee River. Two car attached garage with workshop. Walk-out basement has two bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Pond stocked with gold fish. Naturally landscaped on county maintained road. #5573 \$280,000

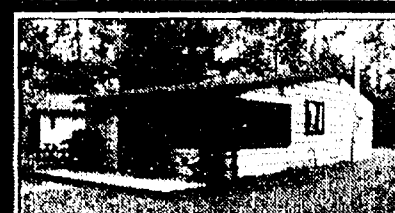
### REDUCED



Secluded Chalet on 10 acres, adjoining state land. Built in 2002. Chalet offers 2 bedrooms, open floor plan w/cathedral ceiling and loft area. Has a 30x48 garage. \$140,000 #5441



Stunning riverfront property! Sitting right on the banks of the Manistee River with 3.8 acres & a 2,156 square foot home. 4 bedroom, nicely landscaped, 2 insulated garages. Watch the fish jumping in the river, right from your dining room window. \$289,500 #5542



Attention Sportsmen! Extremely clean 2 bedroom cabin and bunk house on a beautiful, wooded 1.8 acre parcel. 2 car garage for all the toys. Driveway is right off a county maintained asphalt road about 8 miles out of town. State land is just across the road. \$44,900 #5545



Very clean well maintained 2 bedroom home on large lot featuring 132 feet of commercial frontage. Home has a small basement, 1 1/2 car garage, many updates \$65,000 #5382



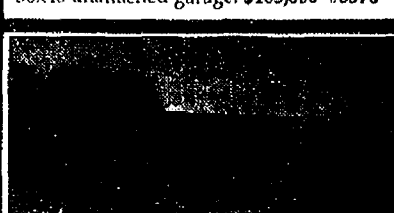
Lovely 4 bedroom, 2 bath home situated on 6.98 acres in northern Michigan's prime snowmobile country. Home has large rooms, large 24x40 attached garage with upper bonus room, and an additional 30x40 unattached garage. \$165,000 #5376



Excellent home for the first time buyer. This home has large rooms and lots of closet space. Located on an extra large corner lot and only 2 blocks from snowmobile trail! Home is a great deal at only \$59,300 #5401



Recreational get-away! This 1 bedroom cabin on 10 acres is less than 100 yards away from ATV trails. State land bordering 2 sides of the parcel, 5kw generator, 4 hunting blinds, and a 12x16 shed for the toys make this property a must see! \$60,000 #5544



Want to own your own bar??? Here is your chance. Northern Michigan Bar For Sale. Restaurant/Bar, Rental home plus 2 vacant lots. It's been in business for 50 years, hurry this will not last on the market. #5448 \$195,000



Nice, neat and clean, 2 bedroom get-away on 2.5 acres of land, located in a quiet area near the famed Ausable River. Home features an all luxury pine interior, wood exterior, woodstove, covered porch, attached garage on a paved county maintained road! \$55,000 #5551

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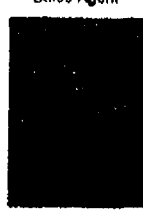
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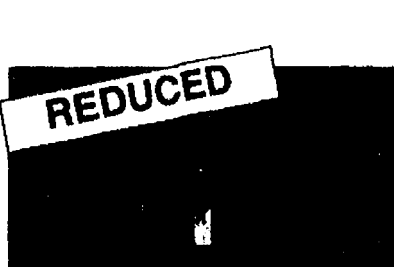
**"WIMPY'S" ICE CREAM BUSINESS** Ideal hobby or family business. Renovated building and new modern equipment. Blacktop drive and parking lot. Includes all fixtures, equipment, and inventory. Outdoor covered patio for dining with picnic table and benches. Take out available. Second floor storage with exterior stairs and 7' ceiling for cold storage. CH-2095 \$149,900



**3 B/R HOME WITH STUDIO/GUEST HOUSE.** Freshly remodeled and redecorated country home. 1,515 s.f., 3 B/R, sunken living room with gas fireplace. Dining room w/brick fireplace. 24x28 garage with 578 s.f. finished studio-guest house w/kitchenette and bath. Landscaped yard with flower/herb gardens and pond. Energy efficient with natural gas heat. Garrison-Higgins School District. CH-1876 \$109,500



**SPECTACULAR VIEW OF THE FAMOUS AUSABLE RIVER.** Elevated 205 feet ftg. offers privacy yet an expansive view of the entire valley. The 1.95 acres borders 1,000's of acres of the Huron National Forest to the South. \$85,000. CH-2023



**NEAT AND CLEAN HOME LOCATED 1/2 MILE FROM THE CITY OF GRAYLING** 1,088 s.f. freshly remodeled 3 B/R, 1 bath home. Drywall interior, newer kitchen, large utility room. One car detached garage, 8x10 storage shed, covered front porch, rear deck, and black-top drive. CH-2099 \$71,900



**PRIVATE ACCESS TO MANISTEE RIVER.** This Belleaire full-log home features 2BR with open loft, 2BA, tiled kitchen, custom counter-tops, open cathedral ceilings with full exposed beams, 2 skylights, Anderson-replacement windows, appliances, 3-season sun-porch, sliding glass doors to deck & hot tub with covered gazebo, newer steel roof, and 2.6 car heated garage w/interior. A peaceful and back up to state land. CH-2060 \$149,500

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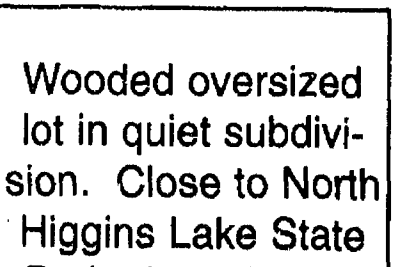
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**LOOKING FOR A GOOD BUY?** This 3 bedroom, 1 bath home is located on a double lot (120 x 120). Hardwood floors in living room, 3 bedrooms and hallway. Large breakfast, large picture window in living room, open kitchen and dining area. Drywall has been freshly painted. New vinyl siding, 2 years old. New floors in kitchen and dining area. New furnace and hot water heater. Appliances include washer, dryer and freezer. Home has immediate occupancy and is turn-key. Come see the value! \$74,500. CS-2192



**THE PERFECT FIRST INVESTMENT** This 3 bedroom, 1 bath offers 1700 square feet with new renovations. New cedar siding, new Berber carpet, new windows, new wiring, insulation and drywall. New dishwasher plumbed but not hooked up. New Corian counter tops and sink. New cherry kitchen cabinets. Newer furnace. Gas fireplace in living room. Immediate occupancy. CS-2114 \$79,500



**Wooded oversized lot in quiet subdivision.** Close to North Higgins Lake State Park. Lot 90x132. Nice hardwoods. Great building site. **CS-1179 \$9,000**

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**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE** for rent. \$450 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04tf/2)

**WEEKLY AND MONTHLY** house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434. (-12/25/03tf/2)

**CABIN FOR RENT** Weekly or monthly rates. Furnished, with utilities and dish network included. Call 989-348-8350. (-5/12/05tf/2)

**VACATION COTTAGE**, daily/weekly, very nice, fully furnished, non smoking only, at Lake Margrethe. 348-7873. (-6/9/05tf/2)

**1 BEDROOM** on the AuSable, in town, \$390 per month plus utilities. Call 231-599-2895. (-07/07/05tf/2)

### 1. Real Estate

#### WE BUY LAND

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**UPPER 1 BEDROOM** Roomy apt. In good neighborhood. Includes gas, electric, water, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and digital cable. Carpeted throughout. No children, no smoking, no pets. \$580 per month plus deposit. References required. Phone: 348-8993. (-8-15/2)

**CLEAN 2 BEDROOM**, 2 bath, newer mobile with 2 car garage, 7 miles from town, \$550 per month. Security deposit, references required. No pets. 348-8386 (-18-25-1-8/2)

**OFFICE SPACE** individual or multiple. Includes DSL, heat, electric, water, lunch room, conference room and use of existing phone system. Ample parking and high traffic location; immediate occupancy and flexible lease term. \$395/month, 989-348-5474, ask for Randy Thompson. (-09/08/05tf/2)

**TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME** with garage, washer & dryer and appliances. No pets. \$425 plus deposit. References required. 348-2418. (-25-1/2)

**FURNISHED 1 BEDROOM**, 1 bath cottage with garage in country setting, 15 minutes from Grayling. Ideal for 1 or 2 people. \$500 per month. First and last months rent. Credit report obtained. 989-939-8965 (-8-15/2)

### FOR RENT Grayling Housing Commission

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### 1. Real Estate

**RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS.**, 306 Knight St. in Grayling has one bedroom units available for immediate occupancy by qualified applicants. Rent based on income. Community room and laundry area for residents' use. Send this ad and your second month is Free. Applications at office on site or by calling 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707 Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD #1-800-855-1155 (-18-25-1-8/2)

**RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS** Hannah & Ballenger Street in Roscommon has two, three and four bedroom units available for immediate occupancy by eligible applicants. Rent is based on income. Laundry and play areas on site. Send this ad and your second month is Free. Applications available at office on site or call 1-800-225-7982 Managed by Stratford group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD #1-800-855-1155 (-18-25-1-8/2)

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**FOR RENT COZY** Mobile home. Quite location with a deck, sufficient for 1 or 2. Must qualify, references. 989-348-7167 (-08/22/05tf/2)

### 3. Employment

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### 3. Employment

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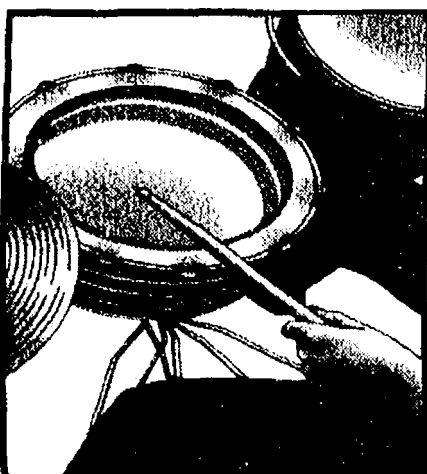
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**D. HAWES/ DRIVER'S TRAINING-** Northern Driving School is announcing its 2005-2006 schedule. Grayling: November 2, January 4, March 6, May 1. Mio and Roscommon classes forming in October, December, February and April. Most preferred in Crawford County, public school professional educators and newer model cars. Call 989-344-2470 for more information. (-8-15-22-29/4)

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**QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS** set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 429-1511. (7/3/03tf/5)

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**AUCTION! SEPT. 10th., 10:00** am Mio. Pine log & other furniture, antiques, glasswares, housewares, garage related, generator, wood & cook stoves. 1989 Cadillac Eldorado, 1984 Transtar motor home, aluminum boat/trailer & coins. Plus floral shop supplies & more. View web or call. Lets Talk Auction Company (989)848-5158 www.LetsTalkAuction.com (-8/5)

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#### 6. Wanted

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**COTTAGE FURNITURE WANTED- RITTENHOUSE**, habitat or rustic furniture. Call 248-932-8709 (-28-4-11-18-25-1-8-15-22-29-6-13-20-27/6)

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#### 7. Miscellaneous

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**FOUND - MALE CAT.** Very friendly, on Peters Rd. 344-8307 (-8/7)

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**ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**, Saturday, October 8th at Grayling Elementary / Primary Schools, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food available, admission \$1. Contact Sherry at (989)348-9564 (-25-1-8/8)

**COMING - SEPT. 23 & 24** Rummage sale at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Grayling. (-8-15/8)

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**RAIN OR SHINE** Grayling Moose 1162 annual garage sale. September 8, 9, 10, 9:00 - 5:00. 7970 S. Grayling Rd., Beaver Creek Township. Money to be used for Grayling children's Christmas party. (-8/10)

**VARDA GARAGE SALE** September 9 & 10, 9:00 - 5:00. Old snowmobile \$25, refrigerator \$55, dryers \$20 each, treadmill \$95. Electric guitar, trumpet, clarinet, antique dishes, X-Files cards and tapes, craft items, women's clothing (18-22w), misc. Our Mile Rd exit, follow signs or call 348-1185 (-8/10)

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing concerning the Michigan Economic Development Corporation funding under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). Funds from this grant were used to extend municipal water and sanitary sewer and pave two city streets allowing D&K Industries to expand their operation at their current location in the City of Grayling Industrial Park. The utility extension will also serve other businesses which are planning to locate on the site. In addition, the project looped an existing water main to improve the operation of the city water system. This project has been completed and the public hearing will allow residents and property owners to make comments regarding the project.

The public hearing will be held on Monday September 12, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

Michele Moshier,  
City Clerk

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 12, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing. A copy of Application for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate can be viewed at the City Clerk's Office at 1020 City Boulevard during regular business hours Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment concerning a Compensation Commission Ordinance Amendment that would specify that, "The members shall be registered electors of the City" as follows:

The commission shall consist of five (5) members, who shall be registered electors of the City, to be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of City Council.

The public hearing will allow residents in the City of Grayling to make comments regarding the proposed amendment.

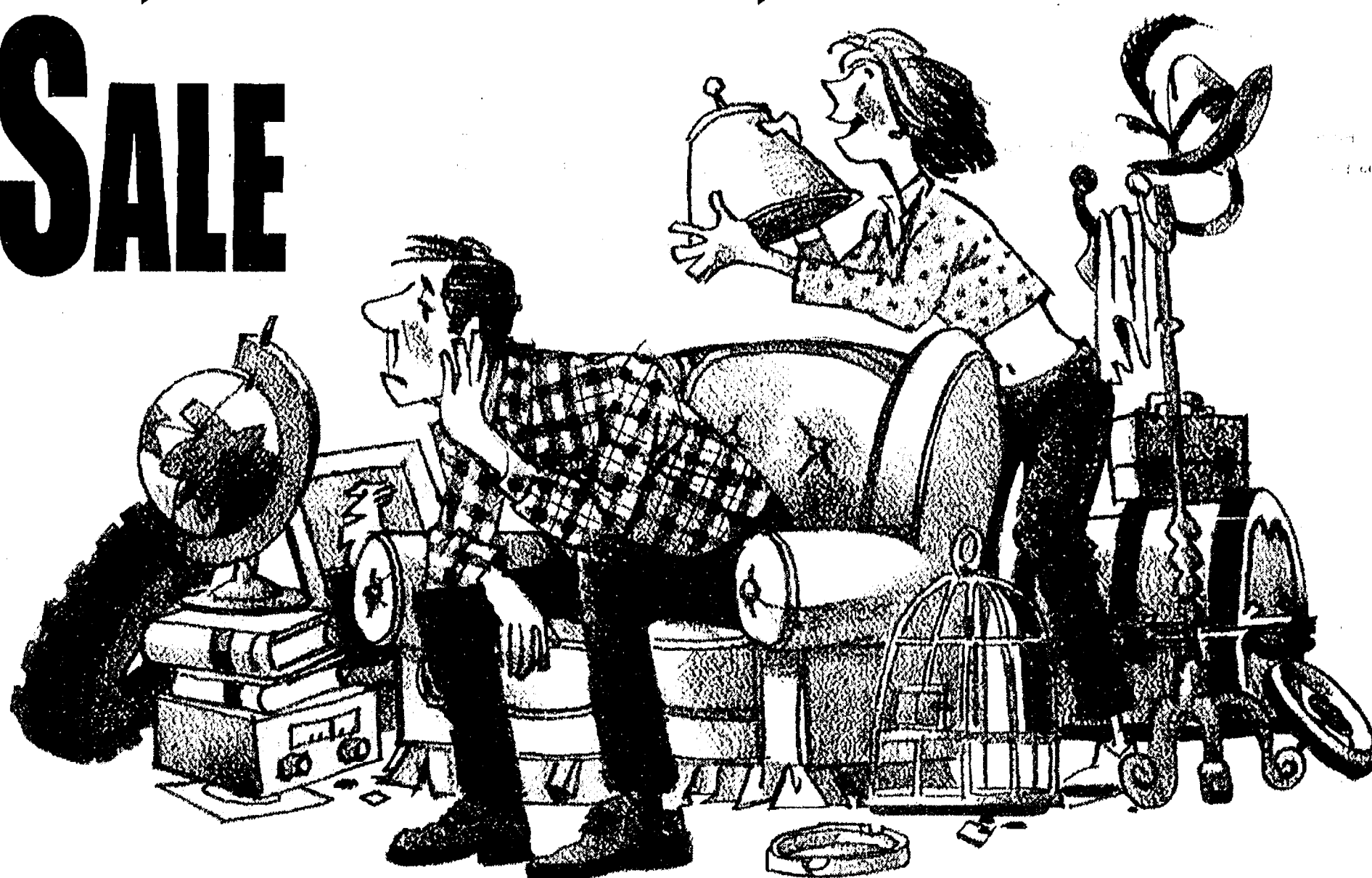
The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 12, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing. A copy of the Compensation Ordinance can be viewed at the City Clerk's Office at 1020 City Boulevard during regular business hours Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the website at [www.cityofgrayling.org](http://www.cityofgrayling.org).

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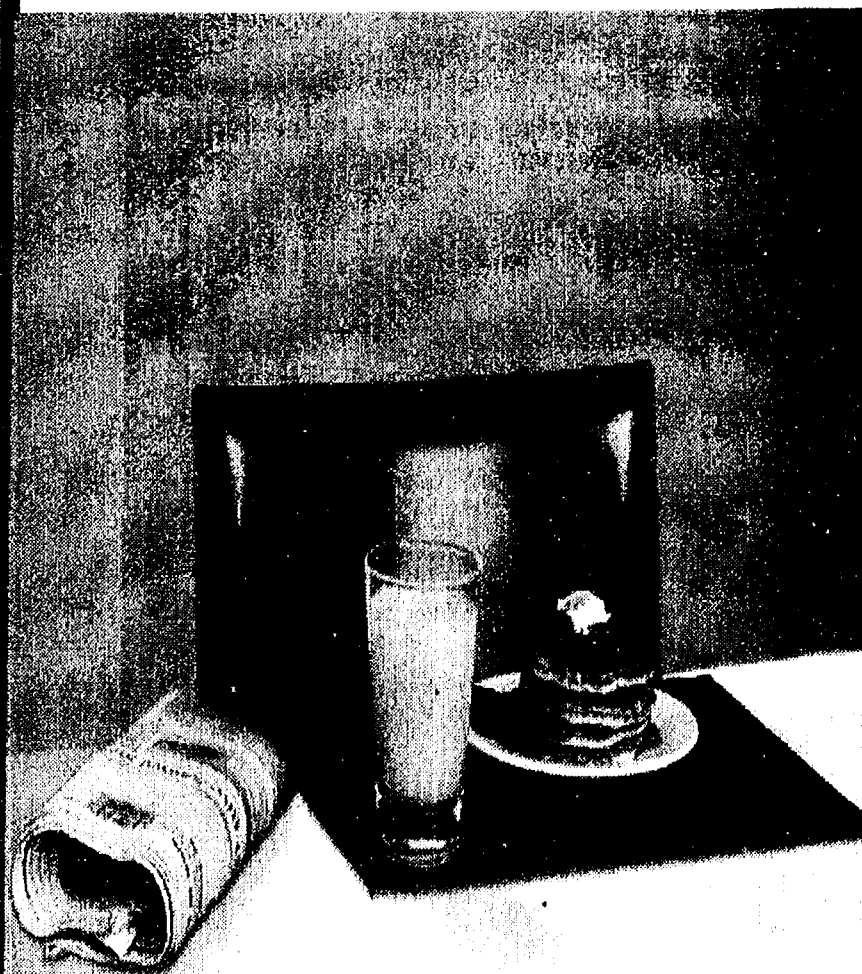
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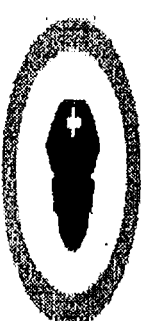
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